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OPP treating teen's death as suspicious

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

There are more questions than answers over the mysterious death of a young Haliburton Lake cottager on Sunday morning.

A motorist found 17-year-old Jesse Leyland Dickson of Toronto lying on County Road 14 six kilometres north of Eagle Lake between Parsons Road and the Redstone Lake Landing Road at 4:30 a.m. on September 15.

When the emergency call first came in, it was treated as a motor vehicle accident, perhaps a hit and run.

The ambulance and Dysart fire department responded, arriving at the scene at 4:55 a.m.

EMS manager Bob English says that, when the paramedics arrived, an off-duty paramedic was performing CPR on Dickson. Dickson had no vital signs but following medical protocol, it was decided to continue with CPR.

A Dysart firefighter assisted with CPR during the ambulance trip to Haliburton Hospital, where Dickson was pronounced dead a short time later.

There was no identification on the body; nor was there any vehicle in the area.

The OPP first issued a press release asking for the public's assistance in identifying the young male.

By early Monday afternoon, police had identified Dickson, who had been up for the week-end with his family at their cottage on Haliburton Lake.

Police are treating the death as suspicious and are investigating the events that led up to the discovery of Dickson lying on the road. Sgt. Mike Wallace says the police are canvassing people in the area asking for any information that may prove helpful.

Anyone who may have been in the area between the late evening hours of September 14 and the early hours of September 15, or who can provide information about Dickson's movements during that time, are asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands detachment at 286-1431 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-461-8477.

Police are not yet releasing information about Dickson's injuries. An autopsy was performed in Oshawa on Monday morning but results were not made public by *The Echo's* press time.

The OPP's Criminal Investigation Branch, Investigation Bureau, are helping with the investigation.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Running for Terry

On Sunday morning, 83 participants ran, rode their bikes and walked 10 km as part of the annual Terry Fox Run. They started at the town docks and wound their way to County Road 1 before they finished back at Head Lake Park. Haliburton's event raised close to \$5,000. More photos page 8.

Dysart enjoys \$5-million summer building boom

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

It has been a banner summer for the home building business.

Dysart et al's building permit office issued permits for \$7.9 million worth of construction.

From the beginning of May to the end of August, Dysart

issued permits for 51 new dwellings worth an estimated \$5.5 million.

"We're up quite significantly from last year and we still have some large commercial permits to come in yet, such as the new campus," says Dan Sayers, Dysart's chief building official.

He says last year at this time

his department had issued 230 permits and this year they have done 261.

Reeve Murray Fearrey commented during the recent council meeting that he was pleased to see the positive growth in the number of permits being sold. Councillor Jerry Walker said

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Police blocked off this section of County Road 14 between Eagle Lake and Haliburton Lake during the initial hours of the investigation into the death of Jesse Dickson.



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Those talented Haliburton Highlands Twirlers will be shaking a few legs at their Fourth Fall Colours Jamboree being held this Saturday, Sept. 21 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Callers Tim Crawford and Garth Calvert will be leading the way through an afternoon of dancing (2 p.m. to 5 p.m.) followed by dinner and then more dancing (7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.). Don't miss the Caller's Showcase or the Round Dance Party. Boy, do these people know how to dance!

Speaking of dances, bobby soxers won't want to miss Fifties Fall Fantasy, a gala dinner and dance being held Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Wigamog Inn Resort. This

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

fundraiser for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation gets started at 6 p.m. Dress formal or dress '50s because you'll be dancing to The Lincolnares. Tickets are \$100 each. Call 457-1580 or e-mail foundation@hhhs.on.ca.

The Victoria County Historical Society is hosting a huge fundraising auction at Corneil's Auction Barn Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. For details call (705) 324-3404.

If you're planning a drive in the country, you might want to make a few stops for the Victoria County Studio Tour being held on two weekends this fall, October 5 & 6 and 12 & 13. Unfortunately the Victoria County tour is scheduled for the same two weekends as the incredibly awesome Haliburton Highlands Studio Tour.

And who DOESN'T have a studio tour going on? Apsley and Muskoka have theirs Sept. 28 and 29.

Highlands B & Bs profiled in new book

Several Highlands establishments are highlighted in a new travel guide by Ulysses.

Bed & Breakfasts in Ontario even puts Haliburton on the back cover: "Holidaying in Haliburton? Overnighting in Ottawa? Sojourning in Stratford? A friendly welcome awaits at any of the 176 charming bed and breakfasts [in this book.]"

The guidebook offers reviews of favourite B & Bs, each fully illustrated, information on amenities and policies, such as whether pets are allowed and directions. There are also maps which indicate local attractions.

Featured in the book are Sunnyrock, Sunnyside, York-Duncan House, Wild Swan and Stouffer Mill.

For Highlanders who need to get away, an attractive feature is the number of B & Bs which can be found in Toronto. Some room rates are as low as \$50 – a bargain in a city where most downtown hotel rates start at \$100.

The book is available through book stores as well as on the internet, www.ulyssesguides.com



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Ducks Unlimited sets its sights on Haliburton's industrial park

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Ducks Unlimited has created a plan for the next 25 years and Haliburton is part of it.

Sylvia Strobl came to Dysart et al council recently to update councillors on two projects happening here. The first involves a new Geographic Information System mapping project and the other the wetland is in the village's industrial park.

Strobl explained that the 25-year-old non-profit organization is putting a new emphasis on direct habitat programs and aims to increase protected wetlands from 134,000 to 628,000 hectares. In order to do that she says Ducks Unlimited is expanding into public policy and research.

One key way to do that is to assist Haliburton County and the municipalities in identifying wetlands as they develop official plans.

The GIS mapping project which she says has been piloted successfully in Muskoka, would provide the county with various levels of data and information. She is hoping to have the financing in place to have the project finished by next spring.

There is an extensive and expensive wetland evaluation process used by the province to decide if a wetland is "significant" warranting protection from development but Strobl says only two to her knowledge have been evaluated in the county. There are approximately 8,000 wetlands in the county.

Ducks Unlimited plans to provide Haliburton Highlands Secondary School with a high-end computer capable of processing GIS and Geographic Positioning Information that will enable students to assist the county with the wetland identification process. Students in environmental studies, math, geography, computers and even chemistry will be able to get involved in various ways with the project.

"Some kids are not too interested in wading into a swamp to get a look at what's there but a lot more are interested in computers and this technology. To have the capacity at the school (to use GIS and GPS) will get kids excited. We're going for some funding as well to bus kids to wetlands, that will be their outdoor lab," says Strobl.

Emma Thurley, an HHSS teacher, went through the Ministry of Natural Resources' training this summer learning how to do proper evaluation. She says the students will be working on evaluating a wetland this year. Thurley says this project will not only assist the county but also give students hands-on experience and show them career opportunities.

"The work will be done by the senior students. We are working on an area on private land off the Essonville Line but I hope to do the wetland on the school property at some point too," says Thurley.

Strobl says that, in addition to the students' involvement, Ducks Unlimited will be holding a stewardship workshop to help people constructively interpret the data.

"We want to make it come alive to people," she says.

This is why she is excited about developing a wetland interpretation site in a high-profile area in the village - the wetland in the industrial park that feeds into the Kashaga-wigamog system.

"Perhaps we could install a viewing platform. Some interpretive signage. It could be an outdoor lab for both the college and the high school," she says.

Her preference would be to have the property owners stop putting fill in the wetland and even take out some of the fill there. The road that bisects the wetland could also be removed she says since it will continuously cost the municipality money to maintain as the water continuously erodes it.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said he thought people would be surprised to learn about the extraordinary filtering abilities of the area - particularly with the dump just up the road.

Al MacPherson, Sir Sandford Fleming College eco-tourism program coordinator, says he is thrilled with the idea.

"We are going to set up water monitoring stations. The first step is the water quality and measuring how well the wetland is working. From there we could do interpretative trails; the possibilities are endless," says MacPherson.

He added Ducks Unlimited has an excellent reputation and it is a wonderful partnership.

Council expressed its enthusiasm in principle for Strobl's ideas and told her they would be talking to land owners in the industrial park about it.



The Hawks are back

The HHSS soccer teams have their first games this week as the first wave of high school sports heats up this autumn. Our sports coverage begins on page 8.



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Pictured here is the beleaguered wetland in Haliburton Village's industrial park. Ducks Unlimited is hoping to assist with the assessment of the wetland and the creation of an interpretative site to show the public the wetlands' natural beauty and filtering abilities.

Nuisance bear review includes possibility of using dogs to search for and chase bears

Ontario has launched a nuisance bear review and unveiled membership of the review committee.

The Nuisance Bear Committee, which will begin meeting immediately, will be chaired by Royal Poulin, former general manager of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and current chair of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission. Committee members include Glenn Witherspoon, Mayor of Fort Frances; John Knight, Professor, Wildlife Department, Sir Sandford Fleming College; and Dr. Martyn Obbard, renowned Ministry of Natural Resources biologist.

The committee will review the biology, literature and geographic and socio-economic factors relating to perceived nuisance bear problems in Ontario. It will also look at the municipal impacts and compare the effects of bear harvesting from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

To help alleviate nuisance bear problems in parts of Ontario, a proposal to allow for the chasing of bears with dogs will be posted on the Environmental Bill of Rights registry. This proposed change would allow daytime pursuit, chase and search for bears, but would not permit the capturing or killing of black bear.

A number of U.S. states currently permit dogs to be used to chase bears, including Michigan, Maine, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and West Virginia.

The public is invited to comment to the Ministry on the proposal.

Year-round, larger homes being built

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there have been no new commercial permits issued since May.

Sayers says the permits he has been issuing are for large renovations or new homes, rarely for traditional cottages.

"I think because people are not getting interest at banks they are sinking their money into real estate," Sayers noted.

Sayers added that although he has not seen everyone else's numbers, it is his feeling that the other municipalities in Haliburton County are equally busy.

Lynn Craigmyle, a local Bown and Cocks realtor, says it's been a very active seller's market this year.

"One factor is a growing shortage of waterfront: people realize they can rent out their cottages, make a lot of money and watch their property values go up," says Craigmyle. "There's not enough property to satisfy the demand in low, medium or high range."

He says more people are looking for property on larger lakes or those connected by boatable links.

"When a couple comes in and

says 'oh look, look, look at these prices, it's so cheap' - that's when we know they've been shopping in Muskoka first," says Craigmyle.

Wade Woodward, president of the Haliburton Home Builders Association, says rumours that Muskoka is sold out and people are now building million dollar homes in Haliburton is true.

"There are definitely more higher-valued houses this year than any other year I've ever seen," says Woodward, owner of The Pump Shop since 1987.

His own business works in plumbing, water filtration systems and sells hot tubs but as president of the association, he also talks frequently with many of the local builders. He says everyone is reporting they are really busy this year including the small builders who used to only do one house a year and are now having to turn away business because of having too much to do.

Squared timber homes seem to be popular but he has also seen a few prefab houses as well. The majority of owners are coming up from the Greater



SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo

Verda Desarmia from Arnprior was visiting cousins in West Guilford and while shopping in Haliburton browsed the real estate boards to be pleasantly surprised by the prices and what was available.

Toronto Area but, oddly, not Oshawa, he says. Then there is a section of people from everywhere including neighbouring counties.

"We just worked on a place and this man owns a home in Bracebridge and has built a place on Drag Lake," says Woodward.

The problem the industry is facing now he says is a shortage of skilled labour. Woodward reported having difficulty finding skilled labour for his shop and hears of others having similar problems.

"I kept all my guys working this year for the first time. Usually in November and

December you could pick up labour easily because of layoffs but not so much now. A lot of places are looking for people with trade skills," he commented.

Woodward says business has been steadily growing for the last three years but this year has been the busiest yet.



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Dark Lake Road closed to vehicular traffic

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the September 10 Highlands East council meeting.

In a rare recorded vote, Highlands East Council passed, by a margin of one, a resolution to close the contentious Dark Lake Road to traffic. The following is a breakdown of the vote:

Reeve Keith Tallman: Yes
Deputy Reeve and Glamorgan Councillor Chuck Viner: No
Bicroft Councillor Bill Howe: Yes
Cardiff Councillor Suzanne Partridge: Yes
Monmouth Councillor Gary Stoughton: No

Those in support of the closure cited environmental and safety concerns as justifications for their votes. Tallman and Howe both indicated that the fact that the road, as it stood, served no essential purpose helped sway them in favour of closure. Partridge noted that she would like to see the spot developed properly as a walking trail. Viner reiterated his position that the safety concerns could be better dealt with in other ways, that the closure would set a bad precedent, and would, in effect, create a "private little resort for a few people."

"It's not right," he said.

Stoughton declined to restate his position. "I already know how the votes going to go," he said, "There's no point going over it all again." His opposition to the closure, however, is well known.

Fire base closed?

Rumours that the Hwy 28 Fire Department may eventually be closed due to a lack of manpower have raised concerns about what would become of

the proceeds should the building ever be sold.

Volunteer firefighter Orvil Donaldson advised council that the building had been raised through the efforts of many volunteers in the Cardiff area, and they felt it only right that any money from its sale be directed towards the Highland Grove Fire Department, used to upgrade the building, and/or purchase new equipment.

While council was in general reluctant to agree to earmark the money specifically (it is, after all, still a hypothetical entity), preferring to move away from regional thinking, it did agree that the Highland Grove station needed some serious attention, regardless of where the money came from.

"We're going to protect your interests there but we have to give good protection to everyone in the municipality," said Reeve Keith Tallman. "We'll be fair," he assured Donaldson.

Arising from this discussion was a suggestion put forward by Bicroft Councillor Bill Howe that it was time for an independent, arm's length review of the state of the entire Highlands East Fire Department, with the aim of producing unbiased recommendations for the most efficient path forward.

It's impossible to be unbiased, or appear to be unbiased, when you are connected with a specific area, he said, but the piecemeal approach to equipment and building maintenance applied since the amalgamations was simply not efficient or cost effective. His arguments were bolstered by a report from acting Fire Chief Bill Foote which indicated that several of the Monmouth Fire Department's vehicles were in serious need of repair.

Rather than tackle this problem in isolation, Howe argued, it would be better to get an overall view of the fire

resources available within the municipality and work out the best distribution before deciding on future equipment needs.

In a later discussion, Cardiff councillor Suzanne Partridge asked that council make some effort to let people know that volunteers were needed to man the Hwy 28 fire station. "We need to communicate that there is a problem here before we do something we can't reverse," she said.

A resolution passed agreeing to seek an independent consultant to assess the location and serviceability of existing fire services and to present recommendations which would improve efficiency.

A further resolution passed agreeing to purchase a vehicle capable of transporting the Hwy 28 department snuffer unit, and to remove the Tory Hill pumper unit from service pending the consultant's report.

Council accepted the resignations of volunteer firefighters Steve Tripp and Bev Billings from the Monmouth detachment and appointed Larry Dack as a new member.

Legion seeks tax relief

Bonnie Jessup, president of the Wilberforce Legion, approached council to ask that the municipality consider waiving its share of the Legion's property taxes. Declining memberships and increasing costs, including large increases in insurance premiums, have left many Legions in dire financial straits.

"I would certainly support something like that," said Bicroft Councillor Bill Howe. "The Legions support a lot of things that aren't necessarily publicized - high-cost things like senior housing, for example."

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig advised council, and Jessup, that Highlands East could only agree to write off the municipal portion of the tax bill, which amounted to \$607.05. County council would

have to agree before further concessions could be made.

"If we want to keep the Legion here we'd better do something," commented Reeve Keith Tallman.

A resolution passed determining to draft a by-law which would allow the municipality to waive its portion of the legion taxes. Reeve Tallman also suggested that the Legion approach county council.

Howe indicated that he had had inquiries from members of the Cardiff Legion, as well, about the process required to gain tax exemption.

Ward Reports

Partridge reported that she was still receiving a large number of complaints about the regular tipping fees for brush in effect at municipal dumps. "I get complaints about the fees in general, and also about people burning unsafely," she explained.

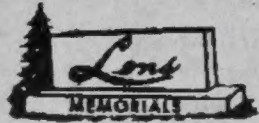
Viner indicated that a lot of interest had been expressed in the possibility of a fitness program at the Glamorgan community centre. Offers had been made to donate equipment. He asked that some research be done into liability issues involved in using donated equipment.

Spring bear hunt

Council voted in favour of supporting a resolution put forth by the municipality of Hastings Highlands which advocates the reinstatement of the spring bear hunt.

Partridge, however, noted that she thought it premature to assume that the lack of a spring bear hunt is responsible for the increased numbers of bears found in the area. "We live in bear country," she added, noting that residents can reduce bear problems by changing some of their own habits.

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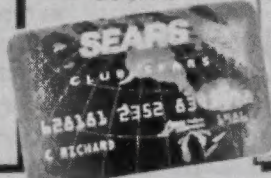
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Signs of growth

FURTHER EVIDENCE that Dysart et al is not in a state of decline can be found in this summer's building statistics. It's been a banner year for construction and, while many of the new buildings are cottages, some will become homes, either now or in the future. Fifty-one property owners have invested a whopping \$5.5-million in the local construction economy this summer, a sign they have faith in this area's future.

Tell that to Statistics Canada. They say the municipality's population declined by almost nine per cent from 1996 to 2001. That's a pretty big exodus of residents. You'd think that stores' windows would be boarded up and Haliburton would look like a bit of a ghost town.

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editorial

— martha perkins

That's certainly not the impression you'd get walking up Haliburton's main street today. It's also not the impression at either the municipal office or the post office where there's lots more mail to sort in the Haliburton area. More mail means more residents. Dysart's population is not declining.

Of course, we are in our post-summer, pre-fall colours slump. It's definitely not as busy around the municipality as it was a month ago. Yet as much as we like to bemoan (or celebrate) the sudden drop in business once summer ends, we only have to look to some villages in Muskoka to see that we're really not badly off.

In Port Carling this summer, there was barely room to breathe there were so many people. Today, there's still a bit of a buzz on Saturdays but, once the Thanksgiving turkey has been carved into left-overs, about half the stores will close their doors for the winter. With so many rivers, there isn't the network of snowmobile trails that we have here in Haliburton. And while all the older, stately cottages have added immensely to Muskoka's appeal, many of those cottages aren't winterized. The lakes are far more deserted there in the summer than in Haliburton, where there are relatively few winter-only cottages left.

Few stores in the Highlands will close up for the winter. Most will reduce their hours but in that way, we have a much more stable economy here. We may not climb to Muskoka's lofty heights, but nor do we have to shiver in the valleys. We're better off than we sometimes think.

A tragedy

Because of all the mystery shrouding the death of a young Haliburton Lake cottager, we can sometimes overlook the fact that a life has been tragically lost. Jesse Dickson has lost his opportunity to love and laugh, to endure the joys and tribulations of getting older, to realize his dreams and cope with harsh reality. His family has lost a loved son and grandson. His friends have lost the chance to create new memories together.

Over the next few days, there's bound to be lots of speculation: was he brought to the site from somewhere else? If so, who brought him there? Had he been in an accident or were his injuries more deliberate? Where had he been and what had he been doing before 4:30 on Sunday morning? Perhaps there is some "innocent" reason he was found there.

Here at *The Echo*, we'll hear lots of the rumours and will try to follow up some of them with the police who are treating the death as suspicious. But anyone with any answers to share should also come forward. A young man is dead. Given that finality, the "how" won't bring him back but the question must be answered.



Driftwood reflections

photo by DARREN LUM/Echo

Blind luck

With duck hunting season just around the corner, many outdoorsmen have been visiting local marshes with hearts set on building a duck blind. Sadly, precious little has been written about their plight.

For those unaware, a duck blind is a rickety platform constructed in the middle of an impenetrable wetlands that serves mainly as a perch for biting insects and reeks of marsh gas and, in severe cases, gas lingering from last year's hunters. By opening day it's also covered in muskrat crap until the hunters, upon hearing a bear pass closely in the dark, contribute less welcome things to the mix.

Despite this, duck blinds are not nearly as glamorous as they sound.

First off, tools and manual labour are required. This forces the hunter to hurt himself in the old fashioned way — with sledge hammer to the fingers and saw teeth across the knuckles. The good news is that, with any luck at all, these injuries will be sustained by the helper that he brought along. The bad news is that no duck hunter has ever figured out how to convince a helper to come along.

Regardless, after swinging a sledge hammer for a short time, a hunter can look proudly upon the only thing in the marsh that boasts four precise ninety degree angles — his thumb. The blind, on the other hand, will turn out to be a man-sized, wooden crate that looks as out of place in the swamp as Barry White does strutting down a Parisian fashion runway. This will never do because ducks, though not generally known for bringing forth major advancements in astral physics or rocket science, are not exactly dumb either. They tend to spot big wooden boxes a mile away and, like my wife, display an inherent fear of bad carpentry.

Savvy waterfowlers compensate for this by covering the blind in cedar boughs, dried cat

tails, willows, old burlap and other highly flammable items. In the end, the structure is well-hidden and generally shaped like those old teepee fires that they taught you about in the Boy Scouts. This thought occurs quite frequently when you find yourself duck hunting in an electrical storm.

We do all this to outsmart a duck. Yet the duck shows us no such consideration.

At best, curious waterfowl fly close enough to examine why plastic ducks and a big unlit bon

fire have suddenly appeared in the middle of their marsh. Then, it's time to shoot. Sometimes by sheer coincidence, and through no fault of your own, shot and duck collide.

Of course, this assumes that you've actually found the blind that you've spent hours trying to make invisible, an iffy proposition at best. Hunters lose blinds all the time, especially when they sneak into the marsh before dawn. That's because in darkness everything looks like an unlit bonfire.

On occasion, however, you'll find a blind easily, untangle and set up

dozens of plastic decoys, and finally sit down to enjoy sunrise. In the lull before the first flights, you look to your handiwork and smugly realize that the blind you're sitting in is a marvel of outdoors engineering that a beaver would be hard pressed to match.

Rest assured this one isn't yours.

The big fellow who has just tangled his propeller in twenty-five of your decoy lines will reiterate this fact. Odds are, he's not a morning person either.

Soon after, you're back in the canoe, paddling through the darkness, futilely searching for that perfectly camouflaged blind and praying for a minor lightning strike to make things easier. Naturally, flashlight batteries were made to die at times like these. That's when a smart hunter will pull into the rushes and wait until first light. Anything else would be futile — just another case of the blind leading the blind.

the not so great



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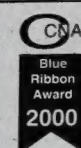
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Doing it yourself

I DON'T KNOW," SAID JOE, looking upward. "It could be tricky." He was referring to Muriel's stove pipe, a long and crooked affair that needed to be cleaned before she started setting her winter fires. There were stove pipes, and then there was Muriel's stove pipe. Beginning with a sharp and sloping angle from the top of her living room wood stove, the pipe exited through the wall and into a cement casing that soared high above a steep steel roof. No simple, pull-the-brush-down-top-to-bottom-a-few-times kind of job this one. Joe, her helpful firewood provider and odd-jobber, was obviously hesitant to take it on.



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However, Haliburton being the place it is, Joe had a cousin with an extension ladder and nerves of steel who could probably do it. Of course he'd want to be paid in cash. No problem, said Muriel. Joe would call his cousin who would then call Muriel. Once Joe was gone, she breathed a sigh of relief at one more task taken care of.

When Muriel's friend Anne had heard she was going to hire someone to clean her pipe, she had been aghast. Like Muriel, Anne lived alone and took pride in doing things for herself. "Come take a look at my chimney before you pop a cork," invited Muriel in a friendly way. This being her first fall in the house, Anne was not all that familiar with the heating intricacies of her friend's new abode.

"Ah, I see the problem," remarked Anne as she gazed up in much the same way as Joe. "Even if you paid me, I wouldn't touch it with a ten foot pole."

"Actually, I don't think that would be long enough," Muriel noted dryly. The two women then repaired to the kitchen for tea and ruminations about being independent, self-sufficient and all those other fine qualities of singlehood.

Between them, they had managed over the years to do a little plumbing, electrical work and more than a bit of carpentry. They had an impressive collection of small tools and had used most of them, some with a good deal of skill. They also shared an abiding displeasure with several tradespeople they had brushed up against during that time.

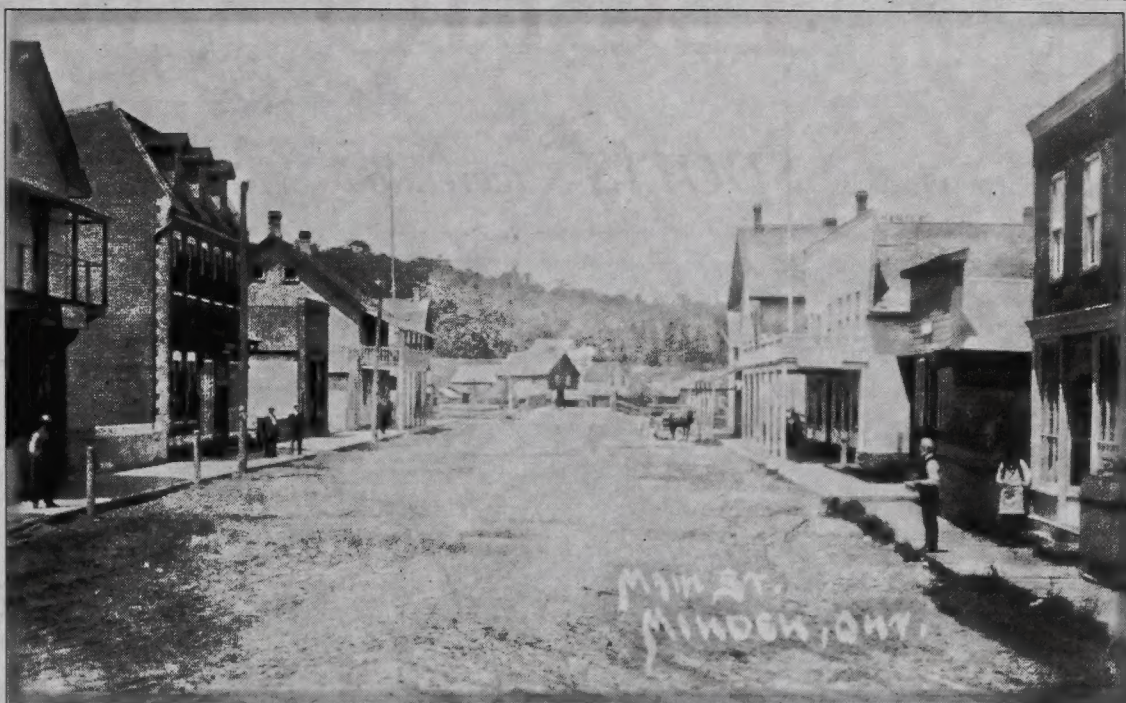
From unreturned phone calls through unfulfilled promises to sloppy, incomplete workmanship, Muriel and Anne could tick off names that brought a scowl to their eyes and a shake of their heads. Probably because much of the work they had wanted done consisted of small jobs, they had found people generally unreliable and uninterested.

So they had learned to do and make do themselves. It had been a rocky but, all in all, satisfying journey. And along the way they had also met some gems, like Joe, who were honest, dependable and glad to be of help.

Now, sitting in Muriel's kitchen, they sat at a table and chairs Muriel had repaired and refinished herself, through the screened door she had hung to the deck Anne had helped her build. Twenty feet from the deck was the spot where they planned to put in a pond next spring. Then there was the storage shed, perhaps some fencing and eavestroughing. Sometimes it seemed as though she would never get it all done and other times she found herself looking for more to do. It was just so darn satisfying when she could do it herself or with one of her friends.

Being independent was something Muriel had learned from her father, a self-employed free thinker who had always managed, barely, to keep the family fed. While she ate better now than as a child, she maintained that desire to be as self-reliant as possible. She had found there were fewer disappointments in life that way.

As Muriel poured tea into the mugs she had made the past winter in pottery class, Anne reached for a muffin. As she cut it in half, the better to butter it, she clucked at the dry texture, the obviously store-bought shortcomings of their afternoon snack. Muriel looked her friend in the eye. Anne had been making her own bread and muffins for years. "Anne," said Muriel. "I draw the line at baking." Anne just smiled and asked for more milk.



pic of the past

It's always such a delight to chance upon the old postcards of the Highlands from days long gone by. Pretend it's just before world War I and you're sitting on the porch of the Rockcliffe, which was once known as Ranson House, craning your head to look down the main street towards the bridge. This is what you'd see. The only building which we believe to still be standing is the Dominion Hotel on the left. Our thanks to Tim Sharpe of Minden for sharing the postcards with us.

letters to the editor

Pet owners should be licensed

To the Editor:

Regarding Alison Logan's letter about starving kittens in Glebe Park: irresponsible pet owners have always been with us. In 1961, one -20°F night in February, a car stopped at our driveway and went on. The result, about two minutes later, one tiny Persian kitten at the door screaming to get in. Today, as the unwilling owner of four dogs and eleven cats, all the product of irresponsible pet owners, I think it is time municipal governments woke up and did something!

The fact that every local town is overrun with wild cats, and in Montreal over four-million cats are euthanised every year, testifies to the depth of the problem. Every time you go to a local vet, they are trying to deal with kittens that someone dropped. Irresponsible pet owners have consistently proven they won't solve the problem on their own, so legislation dealing with the problem is long overdue!

As far as I am concerned, every pet owner should have to be licensed to own a pet. The prospective owner should be thoroughly checked out prior to the issuing of the licence. If the licence is granted, further checks should be made to make sure the animal is indeed properly cared for. There should be no free kittens or puppies, they should cost \$300. and come neutered and with shots. If you can't afford to buy one, you shouldn't have one. Except in exceptional circumstances it should be illegal to own an animal that is not neutered. Stiff fines should be imposed on people who do not comply, or drop unwanted animals.

As for me I now have any stray animals euthanised if I can't find an owner. Enough is enough!

Keith W. Stata,
Kinmount

Get rid of those geese, please!

To the Editor:

I don't believe that we should have to air our complaints to the editor of our local newspaper, but where else can you go in Haliburton? Our local goose population is out of control.

When you get up in the morning and there are 53 geese using your driveway for a bathroom, that's too many. When you get home from a holiday it's a major clean up. We can't use our beaches or our beautiful park in town.

We are concerned about E-coli, lake pollution, environment, but nothing is being done about our main polluters.

Why can't the Lake Association, department of health, politicians or someone get up the nerve and do something about this problem. Count me in if I can help in any way.

If this were a letter to Ann Landers and not Martha Perkins, I would sign it Fed-Up.

Bryce Blair,
Lake Kashagawigamog

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur





HHSS men's soccer returns to pitch. A lot expected from first-year senior Moore.

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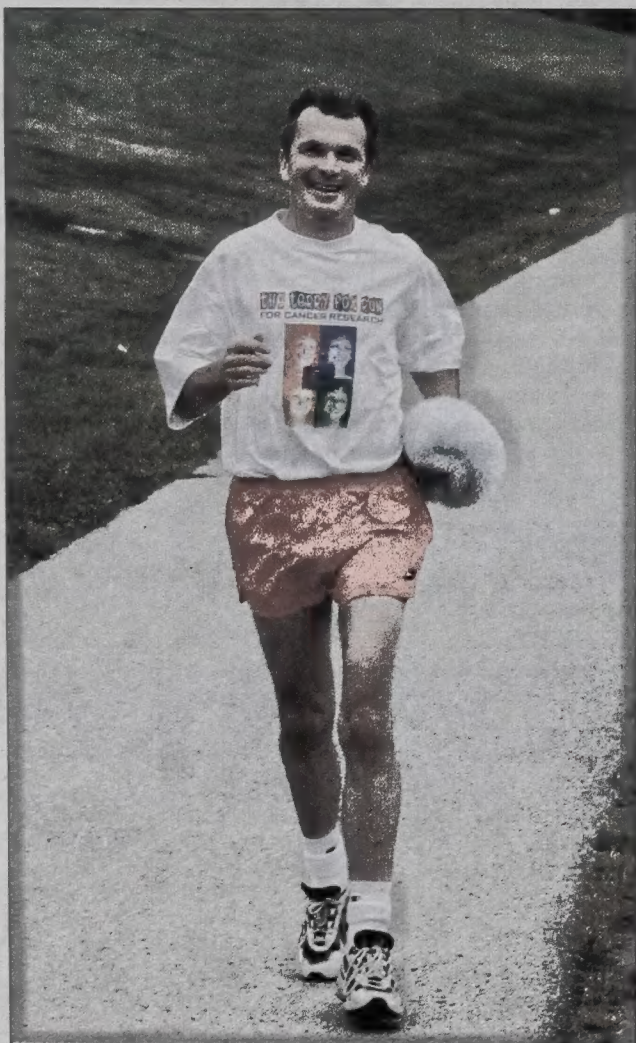
Terry Fox's legacy



Running for a cause:

In its 21st year, the Haliburton Terry Fox Run has raised tens of thousands of dollars since starting in 1980. This year the event raised \$4,600, down from \$5,200 last year, and drew 95 people in total, including volunteers. The single largest pledge of \$309 was raised by Nancy Rivard. Special mention to Haliburton Highlands Health Services group of 23 who raised \$977.

Top: The start of the run. Right: A group runs down the Head Lake Park path. Above: Event organizer Andy Salvatori finishes the 10 km run. Below top: A boy rides down the railroad pathway.



Good coaching the key to success in golfing

JERRY GROZELLE

Staff Reporter

Consistent success on the golf course doesn't come by accident. Even those golfers who are blessed with natural talent can benefit from a good coach.

Ken Rosenberg's coaching talent is contributing to the successes of several young golfers in The Highlands, most notably Mike Lennox, 13, (who was featured in the August 19 issue of *The Times*) and Paul Deuzeman, 15. Both of these young golfers have been placing at the top of their respective classes in several tournaments over the summer.

Deuzeman, from Cobourg, cottages with his family on Eagle Lake. He has been coached by Rosenberg for the past four years. He competed in 30 to 35 tournaments over the past few months.

Deuzeman considers the Ontario Junior Tournament in Windsor from July 15 to 19 the highlight of the season. He finished fourth in the Juvenile division (ages 14 to 16) and 20th overall among 162 golfers in the 18 and under class.

"It was my biggest accomplishment of the summer," he said.

Another high point was finishing fourth overall in an eight-tournament PING series, where the top four golfers in each division formed a team to compete in a tournament in Ottawa. Deuzeman won the tournament at Lindsay's Oliver's Nest Golf Course, which was one of the eight in the PING series. Deuzeman, along with Dustin James and Tyler Martin, who both call the Wolf Run Golf Course at Caesarea (near Port Perry) home, and Jordan Fitzgerald of the Kawartha Golf and Country Club in Peterborough, placed second at the Ottawa event.

Deuzeman's latest success was a win at Wolf Run Thursday in the Juvenile division. He was second overall at that event among 80 golfers.

Paul Deuzeman's dad, Bob, was coached by Ken Rosenberg and it was through that association that Paul became a student under Rosenberg's guidance. "He's awesome. He pretty much taught me everything," Paul said. "He's really nice. He knows what he's doing. He knows how to teach the fundamentals."

Deuzeman said Rosenberg's ability to convey his own knowledge to his students is the key to his coaching success.

Deuzeman knows that breaking into the pro golfing circuit is about as difficult as earning a contract with a National Hockey League team. So, for now, he has his sights set on a golf scholarship. "I'll go from there," he said.

Rosenberg is not the type to boast about his success as a coach. "I just teach the fundamentals and correct swing faults," he said.

Regarding Lennox and Deuzeman, Rosenberg said, "They're both really nice kids and they both have talent."

He said learning the fundamentals is the key to success on the golf course and learning those fundamentals early will give a young golfer the best chance to be the best he or she can be. "Proper clubs, grip, stance, ball position and weight shift are important," Rosenberg said. "It depends on the level of interest, too."

Interest in the game is something both Lennox and Deuzeman have in abundance. "They both have great potential," Rosenberg said. He said there are many opportunities in golf these days, not just in the pro circuit. "The golf industry is big today," he said. "There are opportunities to be a head pro at a golf course, greens keeper, architect..."

As far as Deuzeman and Lennox are concerned, Rosenberg was reluctant to speculate on their golf future. "It depends on how they develop over the next few years," he said. "They are certainly good enough to get looked at for scholarships." He expects them both to do well in the future.

Rosenberg played in the Ontario Senior Tournament circuit up until two years ago. But after opening the Haliburton Driving Range on Haliburton County Road 1, he doesn't have time to compete.

Rosenberg has two or three more young golfers he expects to start competing in tournaments next year.

He said two teachers at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Paul Longo and Dan Marsden, are planning to introduce competitive golf to the school's sports curriculum this year. "That is creating a lot of interest [in the sport]," he said.



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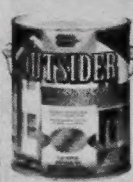
Paul Deuzeman swings off of a tee while coach Ken Rosenberg looks on.

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recognizes a business that strives toward the highest levels of professionalism, that successfully demonstrates a progressive attitude to employee relations, portrays a positive public image, has earned a reputation for excellence in customer service and makes regular contributions to the community. The Business of the Year works to develop a positive business climate in the Haliburton Highlands, which includes the willingness and ability to cooperate with other local businesses for the benefit of the economic health of the Highlands. Nominees must be a member of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

To make a nomination for either of these awards, obtain a Nomination Form from the Chamber of Commerce and submit it by mail or fax no later than October 17th, 2002.

All nominations will be considered by the Chamber's Board of Directors, and the award will be presented at the Chamber's Annual General Meeting on October 25th, 2002.

Moore has big shoes to fill

Juniors realistic about chances

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Coach Robin Gervais is expecting great things from goalkeeper Matt Moore.

The loss of his goalkeeper, Jeff Shaw, isn't spelling defeat but it is raising questions and adding importance to the goalkeeper position.

"He was phenomenal. He kept us in games that we shouldn't have been in...If [Moore] does a percentage of that job we'll be all right," Gervais said.

Moore, in his first year at senior, enjoyed a successful campaign in junior but will be hard-pressed to duplicate his performance against seniors.

Gervais said this year won't be any different than any other year and will employ a simple strategy.

"We're going to use our speed up front and will look to attack on the outside and get the ball into the middle [in front of the goal]," Gervais said. He believes Andrew Sachs and TJ Wilkenson will be threats to score.

Led by captains Andrew Mansfield and TJ Wilkenson, the team looks poised to improve upon last year's performance.

This year's team roster will carry 23 and dress 17 for games. Aside from the

starting group, the roster will change from game-to-game to give everyone a chance to play.

Junior team

The Hawks may not win many games, but are rebuilding for the future of the soccer program, says coach.

Flatman said the junior team experienced its best turnout with 30 signing up. The strong turnout is attributed to summer leagues in Stanhope and Haliburton, he adds.

"By the time these guys are at the senior level, our seniors are going to really blossom," Flatman said.

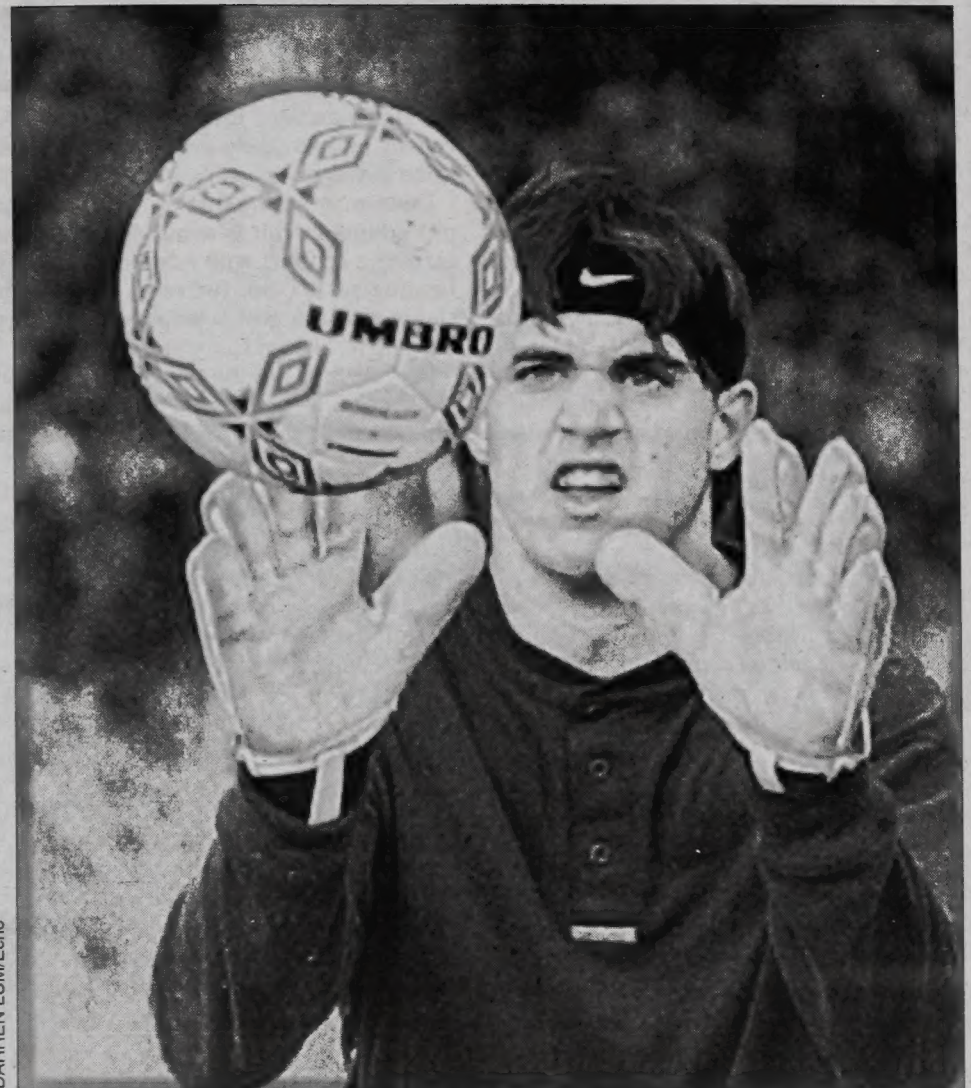
Despite the strong numbers during the first week of tryouts, the loss of players such as goalkeeper Matt Moore will be hard to replace.

"We lost a lot of our experienced guys," Flatman said. He added there are only four juniors returning: Ryan Bottum, Nathan Dunning, Mike Flowers and Conrad Flatman.

This season the junior squad will be dressing 16 and carrying 26 players most of which are Grade 9s.

"That's why it's going to a tough season."

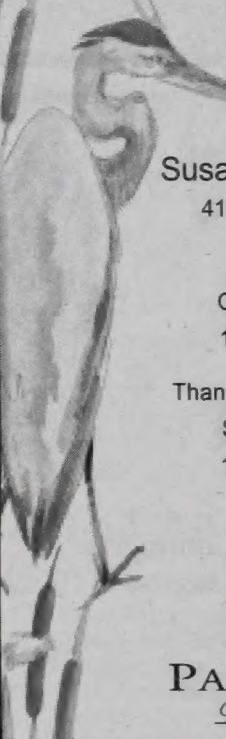
Editor note: Season opener against I.E. Weldon at the Hawks' nest on Monday occurred during production so please see results in next week's edition.



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Matt Moore readys himself to catch a ball during practice last week at the HHOA

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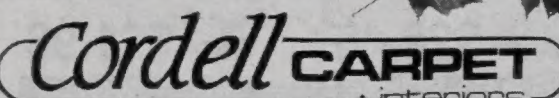
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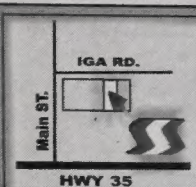
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Rugby returns to Hawk pitch

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The newly formed women's varsity rugby program can only get better, says Coach Stephen Woof.

For a team that saw an opening kick-off run back for a try, there is a long road ahead towards success.

"I'd like to see them get a try," Woof said about the goals for this year's team. "I would love to win a game. If we won one game I would say that was a major success because these girls have been taking on the senior teams from all the other high schools."

Woof says women on teams where there are older rugby programs enjoy the advantage of understanding the game better.

"In rugby you really need to think

and to be able to think real quick. The more games you play the more automatic that becomes," Woof said.

Last year's coaches Julie Buchanan and Christie Chester are unable to re-assume their duties so Woof, with the help of Peter Overington, has taken the helm.

Even though the team lost all their games last year, the returning 15 women learned a lot. There are 14 new to the team and the large turnout is encouraging for the future of the program, said Woof.

This year's captain is scrum-half Kasia Siek. Returning with more knowledge for her second season is flanker Noelle Johnson. Newcomers making an impression on the coaching staff are Chandal Sutherland and Nicole Dunk.

The first home game of the six-game season is at 3 p.m. on Sept. 26.

HHSS sports schedule for the week

Sept 16:

• jr/sr boys soccer; 2:30 p.m.; home vs IEW

Sept 18:

• sr/jr boys soccer 2:30 p.m.; vs FFSS

Sept 19:

• sr boys football, 2 p.m.; home vs SPSS

• jr boys football 4 p.m.; home vs SPSS

• sr girls field hockey 4:30 p.m.; @TASS vs Holy Cross

Sept 20:

• Terry Fox Run 10:30 a.m.; home

Sept 23:

• jr boys soccer 3 p.m.; home vs St. T.A.

Sept 24:

• jr girls basketball 3 p.m. LCVI

• jr girls field hockey 1:30 p.m.; home vs Holy Cross and 4:30 home vs Crest

The following are the Healthy Living Promotion's winning participants for week of September 2-8

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Home Support Services

With October fast approaching I can't help but mention that the October 1 is International Day of Older Persons. This is a special day designated by the General Assembly of the United Nations recognizing the contributions of seniors to development.

Take a moment on October 1, or on any day, to think about all the seniors you know and all the contributions they have made to our society which you may have forgotten about.

I know that when I think about seniors, I automatically think of my amazing Aunt Marg who is now in a nursing home, confined to a wheel chair, due to a stroke. She was a daughter, a sister, a great aunt, a registered nurse, a caregiver, a traveller, a babysitter a best friend, my confident and so much more.

Yet if you were to look at her today, you would see a bent over lady in a wheelchair, who often stares into space, you wouldn't see all those wonderful things that she has accomplished in her lifetime. Take a moment on October 1 to reflect on someone you care about.

On a brighter note, the entire

month of October is Community Support Month where agencies mark the benefits which home care and community support brings to people. Our community supports people to stay healthy in their own homes.

Friendly Visiting is one of our community support services. Friendly Visiting is when a registered volunteer either visits or telephones an isolated or lonely senior or physically disabled adult in their home on a regular basis. This service is as rewarding for the volunteer as it is for the client.

Charlie Tyler came into my office one day. He told me that "Everyone needs a visitor and the older a person becomes the greater his or her need. I want to encourage people to become visitors. Visiting can be interesting, challenging, compassion evoking and knowledge sharing. Frequently what a person really needs is a good listener - not a solution. Visitors can positively affect situations."

I don't think I could have said it any better.

Our Friendly Visitor program is in urgent need of volunteers, especially in the Minden and Cardiff areas. If you would like to make a difference in someone's life, please give me a call at 457-2941.



In August, 33 people from the Haliburton-Muskoka area travelled to Kingston to compete in Actifest 2002, the provincial level of the Senior Games. This district came away with three gold medals - and three chances to compete in the national games. Among the winners were Lillian and Larry Mattsson, at left, who came first in euchre, Arno Knop, far left, of Paudash who came first in golf and Barb Boake (not pictured) of Muskoka who was tops in Snooker. Also competing were swimmers Ev Stata, Kate Cline, Margaret Ramkema and Aileen Bruce, above.

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Dysart council briefs

Farmers will be asked if they can afford program

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

Local farmers will be asked by Dysart et al township staff whether they would like to participate in the Healthy Futures Program.

A joint application was filed in conjunction with Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands. The province awarded a maximum of \$383,100 to the project, of which \$191,050 will be funded through the Healthy Futures for Ontario Secretariat. Farmers must chip in the other 50 per cent on a project-by-project basis.

Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested there was no point in proceeding with the project unless the farmers wanted to participate. He added that since he is aware of only 17 farmers in Dysart it should not take too long to quickly poll them.

He suggested, and council agreed, there was no reason to proceed with the project without the support of the farmers.

Municipal water?

Councillors were engaged in a brief discussion kicked off by Councillor Jerry Walker about why a municipality would consider installing a new water system when there seem to be overwhelming liability issues.

"We need to write a letter expressing our concerns to our minister," Walker suggested.

Fearrey says there have always been regulations with regards to water systems but new liability issues could create new costs.

Walker says that even though they do not have a

water system, the municipality does have Dover Springs on their property and he wondered what their potential liability may be for it.

"And what do we do - shut it off?" asked Fearrey with a shake of his head.

Library flush

A problem with the Dysart Library washroom may be resolved with a new hook-up to the sewage system rather than a repair to the pumping system.

Councillors, upon receipt of an estimate of \$535 to repair the pumping system on the washroom holding tank have requested staff to investigate the cost of hooking up to the sewer system.

The library's basement bathroom is used by those who use the meeting room. Tammy McKelvey, Dysart chief administrative officer, explained the system still works as long as there is not a large volume of use.

Spring bear hunt

Councillors approved unequivocally supporting a motion from the Municipality of Hastings Highlands to request the Province of Ontario to immediately re-introduce the spring bear hunt.

A letter to Dysart from Hastings Highlands' clerk

says they are "extremely concerned about the safety of its residents" due to the number of reported bear encounters in populated areas. It goes on to say the number of nuisance and potentially dangerous bear encounters has increased dramatically.

"Is there any discussion about this?" Fearrey asked.

"Guess everyone wants to get rid of them," he commented and no one argued or offered comment.

No prairie help

Dysart councillors did not support a request for financial assistance from the Rural Ontario Municipal Association for drought-stricken farmers in the prairie provinces.

Lloyd Churchill, ROMA chair, wrote that the finances of ROMA do not allow them to make anything but a limited response but he urged municipalities to make financial or goods donations.

"Whether you are from a farming area or not, we all consume farm products, so the current situation is important to us all," wrote Churchill.

Fearrey likened the situation to everyone using oil but they do not receive any help when oil prices go up.

"This is a provincial-federal issue to resolve," says Fearrey and several councillors uttered their approval.

Health unit board to meet in Haliburton Thursday

The next meeting of the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Board of Health is Sept. 19.

The meeting begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Health Unit's

new location on the top floor, One York Lane (Dawson Gray building) in Haliburton.

Items on the agenda include: Chickenpox vaccination clinics; West Nile virus; Early Years Centres; influenza; biosolids; and the early detection of cancer.

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Completion Date
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Item #1 - Location
The subject property is located on the north west corner of Highway #11 and Highway #518, approximately 10 km south of Burks Falls. Legally described as Pt. Lot 14, Concession 13, Township of Perry, Highway #11 & #518. (#22 Highway #518).

An asbestos survey conducted on the premises indicates that there is asbestos present. Mould/mildew growth may be present in the structure.

Item #2 - Location
The subject property is located on the north side of Spring Valley Road in the Village of Minden, immediately west of the intersection of Spring Valley Road and Highway #35. Legally described as Part of Lot 1, Concession A, Township of Anson, now in the Township of Minden Hills, Highway #35.

An asbestos survey conducted on the premises indicates that there is no asbestos present. Mould growth is present in the structure.

Technical Information
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Ontario

Wilberforce students pay poetic tribute to Sept. 11 victims

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Some people may have struggled over how to mark September 11th, but not three girls at Wilberforce Elementary School.

Natasha Visscher, 11, Leah Grant, 11 and Carolyn Barnes, 10, knew exactly what they wanted to do. All on their own, they came up with a poem, a display and a presentation they shared with other students first thing Wednesday morning. Carolyn wrote the poem, called *They Will Be Remembered*, and then printed it on a piece of paper cut into the shape of a tombstone. The girls cut out newspaper photographs of the World Trade Centre on fire, the damage to the Pentagon and a serene black and white image of Osama Bin Laden.

On the morning of September 11, after the bell had rang and attendance was taken, the girls went nervously to the front of Mrs. Mathewson's portable, read the poem and answered questions about why they had tackled this project.

They did it because they wanted to honour the people who died on that tragic day; who innocently went to work in the twin towers, who caught an airplane, who had business in the Pentagon.



On the morning of the first anniversary of 9-11, three Wilberforce Elementary School Grade 6 students made a special presentation. Natasha Visscher, Leah Grant and Carolyn Barnes want people to honour and remember the thousands of people who died when terrorists attacked the United States on September 11, 2001.

As their teacher said, "Even if it's not a good memory, we do want to remember the people who died on Sept. 11... Almost every country in the world that has freedom and knows and loves freedom, is having memorials today."

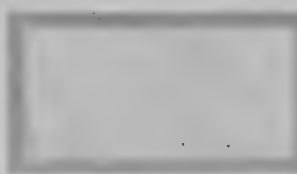
When asked what the hardest part of their project was, the girls smiled nervously and said it was giving the presentation. But Mrs. Mathewson reassured them they had done a great job.

With their permission, we wanted to share Carolyn's poem with our readers:

THEY WILL BE REMEMBERED

September 11th
On that tragic day in U.S.A.
The Twin Towers were hit, then hit again.
Sheets of metal fell like rain
The Pentagon was also hit
While there were thousands of people in it.
Volunteers searched for survivors but there were few,
Imagine if this happened to you.
Someone you cared for, someone you knew
Was in one of the buildings or one of the planes.
Imagine the anger, imagine the pain.
So honour the people in the planes when they crashed
And in the Twin Towers when they burnt down to ash.
Or in the Pentagon when it was hit,
Honour the people who went down with it
And have sympathy for their friends and family.
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The people who fell to their fiery grave.
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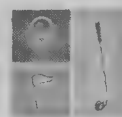
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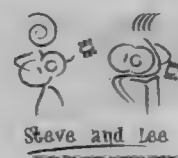
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CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

If you're new in town you probably know all about the new home heating inspections going on. But if you're like the rest of us you're probably so in the dark that you might as well be standing inside your furnace oil tank.

When people around the Highlands who heat their homes with oil were asked informally if they'd heard anything about oil tank inspections, they all said no.

On the other hand, anybody who has moved into a new (or new-to-them) oil-heated home or who started a new account with a fuel oil supplier since May of this year will have had to have their oil tank inspected and approved by an oil-burner technician licensed by the Technical Standards and Safety Association (TSSA).

Beyond those rules, all fuel oil suppliers, such as Brian Black of Sid Stamp Fuels in Minden, have five years to do a comprehensive inspection of every customer's heating system. Not just the oil tank, but the furnace, the chimney, the fuel lines and the ducts — "their complete heating system," Black says.

That's a lot of extra work for suppliers. Offhand, Black couldn't say exactly how many customers he has but he figures around "a couple of thousand." Five years isn't a great deal of time to inspect all those homes but Black is planning to do 20% a year. Many of Sid Stamp inspections will be done in conjunction with regular seasonal furnace check-ups because it will be more convenient for the customer and the inspector and it will also save the customer money.

Naturally it's the customer who will have to pay to have their heating systems inspected. Again, Black wasn't exactly sure how much an inspection will cost because most of his are tied into furnace cleanings but he figures it will be in the neighbourhood of \$50.

The price isn't bad but if the inspector sees work that needs to be done, the cost could quickly rise. Replacing an oil tank, he says, could cost \$600 to \$1,000 "depending on the amount of work that needs to be done."

He agrees the new regulations "are a pain in the neck" but he's in favour of the new regulations because "it's going to prevent a lot of problems. The last thing you need is a leaking oil tank."

He's seen a lot of bad oil tanks over the years and he's happy to see pressure being put on people to get rid of them. If an inspector finds minor problems, the



Brian Black of Sid Stamp Fuels in Minden poses beside an old furnace oil tank that was replaced. Note the rust on the side of the tank: if there's any rust on the outside, there's likely serious corrosion on the inside that could cause catastrophic tank failure. There are new regulations governing these tanks — see story for details.

customer will have up to 90 days to correct them. If it's an immediate hazard, the oil company will not be allowed to give the customer oil until the hazard is removed or a new oil tank is in place.

Domestic heating oil tanks have been under scrutiny in recent years. According to the internet Environmental Science & Engineering magazine, www.esemag.com — May 2002, storage tanks that are unprotected or not maintained represent a potential for environmental pollution. "There are between 1.2 million and 1.5 million homes that heat with oil in Canada," the magazine says. "Over the last few years, there has been a startling number of tank failures and the trend will grow as traditional steel oil heating storage tanks corrode."

"The majority of steel fuel oil tanks rust

from the inside out. Because of condensation, water and sludge accumulate at the bottom of tanks. This combination creates an ideal environment for internal rust or corrosion of the steel tank wall.

"More often than not, this damage is not visible and manifests itself as a catastrophic tank failure."

The magazine goes on to say that leaking tanks are also a result of improper tank maintenance, damp locations and mechanical damage. Outdoor installations are more susceptible to condensation as a result of day-night temperature changes and humidity. Exterior rusting is noticeable by the small pinholes on the tank.

And there's more. "Nearly 40% of all fuel leaks reported to local and provincial ministries of environment are from

domestic, heating oil storage tanks in private homes. The Insurance Bureau of Canada, Atlantic Division, says that claims paid for clean-up as a result of leaks from heating oil systems account for 5% of all claims paid under homeowners' policies. Oil leaks from storage tanks and line ruptures have caused insurance claims to jump by about 50% in the past few years. Clean-ups can cost between \$20,000 and \$125,000 or more. Some clean-up costs can grow to greater than the value of the house."

Black confirms that it's not just the industry and governments that want inspections done — the driving force is the insurance business.

Several insurance companies are now

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Tank's age no guarantee

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offering refunds to their clients to encourage them to replace their furnace and storage tank systems. Tank and furnace manufacturers are also offering rebates to customers for furnace and tank replacements.

The Atlantic provincial governments and, most recently, the TSSA in Ontario have introduced new regulations for heating oil storage tanks to counter oil spills. The rules require only licensed installers install and regularly inspect tanks. Tanks would have to be tagged and registered and oil deliveries made only to tanks that have the registration tag.

"Therefore," the magazine says, "the responsibility for tank maintenance has been divided among the owner, the installer and the oil company."

Black says his company is the only one in the area that has a licensed oil-burner technician on staff. Black himself can do basic inspections but only the licensed

technicians are able to conduct the comprehensive inspections. Other local companies, he said, will either have to contract the work out or hire technicians themselves.

Manufacturers of storage tanks have improved their products and warranties. Several new tank products have been marketed during the last few years. Steel tanks have gone to a heavier gauge to mitigate the effect of corrosion and perhaps increase the lifespan. New technologies for non-metallic tanks have emerged so that internal corrosion ceases to be an issue.

Because oil tanks are usually hidden in the backyard or the basement, homeowners can go months or years without giving them so much as a glance but Black says people should be paying attention. He says there are two important and obvious signs that a tank needs to be replaced:

1) Check to see if there are any leaks. If there are, your tank needs to be replaced immediately.

2) Check to see if there is a date on the tank. If there's no date, Black says it's probably at least 20 years old. While the TSSA Fuels Safety Program says there is no age limit set for the life of tanks, Black says if it's 20 years old it's probably due to be replaced.

According to a Home Heating Fuel Tank Safety brochure produced by the Federated Insurance Company, "tanks should be replaced every 15-25 years, depending on the design and steel thickness."

But Black has had to replace a tank that was only five years old, so age is no guarantee.

The brochure says one litre of fuel oil can contaminate one million litres of drinking water. "The homeowner/tank owner must become aware of this potential loss situation and take steps to reduce their loss exposure. Contamination clean-up can cost in excess of \$50,000, so it is in everyone's interest to prevent a leak from occurring."

Here are some tips from that brochure:

• Whenever possible, tanks with an end outlet product line connection should have any sludge and water

removed annually by a reputable tank contractor.

• Homeowners should frequently inspect the vent and fill pipes and the tank bottom for leaks and spills.

• Be cautious when rubbing your hand along the bottom of the tank to check for damp or wet spots. The slightest pressure may cause a pin hole leak in a corroded tank.

• If frost heaving or ground settling causes your tank to move, have the tank leveled immediately.

• On indoor installations, route or protect your oil produce line from physical damage by installing the line around the perimeter of the basement wall.

• Never install a used or rebuilt tank.

• When replacing your tank, ensure that no water or sludge is transferred from the old tank into the new one. It is recommended, if practical, to use the old tank until it is empty.

• Keep your tank filled during the summer so less water from condensation accumulates inside.

• Have your tank and accessories checked as part of your annual furnace maintenance.

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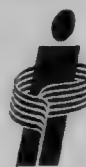
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her eyes shifted from her grandfather to the Canadian flag as it slowly was raised up the flag pole until it reached its rightful place at the top, blowing freely in the bright sunlight. A smile played across her lips and her cheek dimpled. I looked beyond my daughter and granddaughter's upturned faces and saw the skyward facing profiles of a multitude of firefighters, of fathers, mothers, grandparents and children. I saw tears glisten on other cheeks and I was not ashamed of the tears sliding down my own. I knew then and there as long as there were parents and grandparents to share moments like these with their children and grandchildren then our country would never be demoralized or over come and would always remain free as the flag snapping in the brisk breeze high above our heads. I felt fortunate I had such an opportunity to share this auspicious moment with these two very special people – my daughter and my granddaughter.

Special moments like this give a person a good feeling about life but there are other times as well. I firmly believe our

future is our children and on Friday night's Back to School Dance there were more than 115 young people at the dance. I can safely say, once again, they had an awesome time. Cindy did a great job as DJ and the kids truly enjoyed practicing the latest dance steps. Such enthusiasm! On the most part they are a wonderful bunch of young people and I would extend an invitation to parents and community members to come out and join in for a dance or two at the Hallowe'en Dance Oct. 25. Don't forget your ear

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plugs!

P.S. To all the young people please note the hall's new floor will be installed by that date and we ask you not to bring glow sticks, glow jewelry, glow-etc. Also, in the future all backpacks must be checked in at the door. Thanks.

The Recreation and Development Committee is working diligently at getting the ice rink up and operational again this winter. You may have noticed the newly painted white boards scattered about. We need all community members, help in protecting these boards and other

parts of the proposed ice rink from vandalism. If you see destruction taking place, please do not hesitate to remind the offenders that the end result of this project is for their benefit. Let's work together: parents, community and all young people!

We would like to extend get well wishes to Emerson Peel. Emerson is presently in the Bowmanville Hospital recovering from a stroke. We do wish him a speedy recovery and hope he is well enough to participate in a few days of deer hunting.

Please note: Euchre will be cancelled on Sept. 19 as the Harcourt Community Centre will be under construction getting a new floor. Euchre will resume Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. See you then!

Up-Coming events

Oct. 19: Cool Water is back. Dance starts at 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Age of Majority in effect.

Oct. 25: Pre-teen Halloween Dance 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$3 per person. Ages 7-16 welcome.

Oct. 26: Big Bingo, two \$1000 prizes. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7:30 p.m.

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Four Stars for The Four Stars

Actor/singer Barrie Wood cuts a fine figure in Barbershop production

JACK BUSH

Special to The Echo

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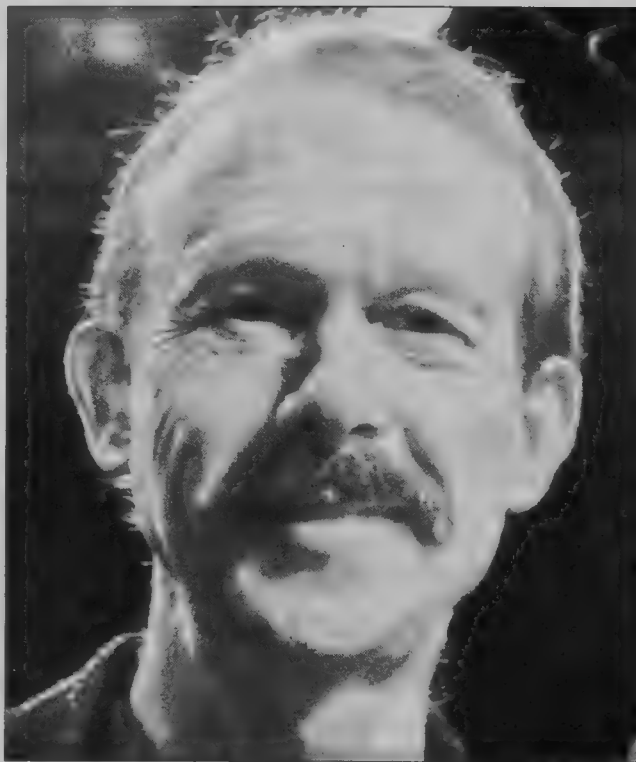
Wood is one of four male singer-actors in The Four Stars which debuted at Kingston's Grand Theatre last week. The idea for the show came to writer and co-director Sandy Winsby when he and two other cast members were part of the barbershop quartet in a production of The Music Man in Grand Bend last summer. In an interview with the Kingston Whig-Standard, Winsby says the three of them thought it was too bad there wasn't a show about barbershop singing and he was encouraged to try to write one.

The Four Stars is the result. John Dodington and Robert Meilleur have been involved from the beginning and Sandy invited Barrie Wood to join them. Although he hadn't seen Barrie for sixteen years ago, he remembered their work together in Cats. Two other individuals are critical to the show's success: co-director Max Reiner and Music Director Steve Thomas.

The play is about barbershop singing but it is also about life. When both are in harmony, the show tells us, both can be richer than the sum of their parts. And we are forcibly struck by that fact barely into the opening moments of the show when four high school teens get together to sing barbershop style. We are swept away on a harmonic tide that includes Sweet Adeline, By the Light of the Silvery Moon, Toot Toot Tootsie Goodbye, and Moonlight Bay. From that moment on, the tunes just keep on coming.

The show follows the four barbershoppers through forty up-and-down years of life together and apart.

Shortly after high school – and a sequence of very funny blackouts of the group trying to earn money barbershopping – they break up because Wood's character, Fred, thinks that life is more than just singing. So we see them each following their own career ambitions: Fred to



Barrie Wood

be an entrepreneur but having to earn a living as a waiter serving manhattans to matrons; Sam (Winsby) struggling to become an actor; Bob (Meilleur) a stand-up comic; and John (Dodington) unsuccessfully auditioning for operatic roles. For many of us, these are little poignant reminders of our own impossible or thwarted dreams. And Sam, in a touchingly lovely and original song called Lonely, points up the added hardship of doing without the company of your closest friends.

Fred's wedding brings the group back together – joyfully and in deeper harmony than before. Marriage, babies, divorce, marriage, and more babies follow. Although they have different careers, they get together, as Sam says, "as often as business and families allow."

There is barbershop singing from beginning to end. And whenever the four begin to sing, they exhibit a true pleasure in singing. But, then, who could resist the tunes they have to work with? To name a few (and to whet your appetite for seeing the show): Yessir, She's My Baby, Five Foot Two, Heart of My Heart, Paper Doll, Ain't She Sweet?, My Buddy, O Danny Boy, and a medley of the big numbers from The Music Man.

The Four Stars is wonderfully fresh and engaging from beginning to end. It will run at Kingston's Grand Theatre to September 21.

For tickets, call (613) 530-2050 or visit their website: www.grandtheatre-kingston.com.

Beginnings: A Day In The Life of HHSS

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HHSS students

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For the newly enrolled junior population, this is a

time of discovery, yet for the senior students it is a realization that they can't fail any more classes. On the first day, a walk through the school would reveal many gloomy faces, both young and old, but upon closer inspection one would find that there are indeed many bright spots to cheer everyone up.

Chief among these being the glistening new sinks in all the washrooms. The staff bathroom has also been rumored to have been renovated but no student who has ventured in to check has come out alive. This problem could be easily resolved by asking one of our gracious staff members, but no one has bothered to take the time.

All the students are too busy exploring the deepest recesses of their minds with their new handy-dandy key chain flashlights, yet another bright spot on the first day of this new school year.

The journey of a teenager's life has now only begun and we can all look forward to many articles profiling the trials of everyday school life, upcoming events and other popular issues here at H.H.S.S. as we begin this year with a welcome to a day in the life.

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**NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING
TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION
TO CLOSE AND CONVEY A ROAD ALLOWANCE
MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL**

DATE: Tuesday, October 15th, 2002
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should
contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton,
Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al
has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.
These parcels of land are road allowances, located in the Municipality of
Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

1. Applicant: Meathrel
Location: - South Bay, Haliburton Lake.
- Close untravelled portion of Dignan Drive, as shown
on Plan 331.
- Close and convey shoreline road allowance.
- In exchange for a deed to the existing location of
Dignan Drive.
• In front of Lot 14, Concession 3, Township of
Harburn.
• Defined as Parts 1, 5 and 6, on Plan 19R-7382,
available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United
Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate
enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey
the portions of shoreline road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of
the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as
noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any
person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the
Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours
(9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 23rd day of August, 2002.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Township Planner



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2002-06**

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**CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
CARDIFF/BICROFT WATER TREATMENT
AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT**

The Study

The Municipality of Highlands East initiated a Class Environmental
Assessment to examine improvements to the Cardiff/Bicroft Heights water
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Various improvements are required to bring the water treatment and
distribution system into compliance with the new Ontario Drinking Water
Protection Regulation 459/00. Regulation 459/00 mandates certain
minimum requirements including disinfection (chlorination), monitoring,
sampling and control systems to ensure public health and safety. The
distribution system may be improved through the installation of new piping
and looping of the system to minimize dead end lines. The Regulation
further stipulates that the system must comply by July 2003.

The Process

The study is following the approved planning process for Schedule "C"
projects as defined in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June
2000) with the opportunity for public input throughout. The Environmental
Study Report has been completed and by this notice is being placed in the
public record for review. Subject to comments received as a result of this
notice and the receipt of the necessary approvals, the Township intends to
proceed with the construction of this project.

The Environmental Study Report is available for review at the following
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Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295
County Road 648, Lloyd Watson Centre
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Comments

Please provide written comments to the Township Clerk within 30 calendar
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information, all comments will become part of the public record. If
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make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental
Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual
environmental assessments. A copy of the request must also be sent to the
Township Clerk. If no request is received by October 21, 2002, the planned
improvements will proceed to detailed design and construction. Further
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Carol Aird, a Nurse Practitioner from the Women's Health Care Centre in Peterborough, spoke very informatively about 'menopause in the millennium'.

She said it was most important to eat properly (and don't miss breakfast), exercise, and do something you have always wanted to do. Avoiding any stress and getting rid of heavy burdens is necessary to get through this period in a woman's life. Doing some work in the community is also helpful.

Questions were answered about hor-

mone therapy replacement, and Aird also recommended the health food store as a good source of alternative treatments.

Johanna Bernard of Brantford, the special speaker and soloist, told of her days as a stewardess on a cruise ship, and how her life without God, in spite of growing up in a Christian home in Holland, had made her so miserable. After her first son, "Free At Last", Johanna explained how God took over in her life, how she came to Canada with a singing group

and met her husband. It was especially meaningful to hear her sing "There Is A Saviour", and for her to tell the many women who attended how Jesus enabled her to cope with five children, two of whom were very rebellious. Her last solo was "He Knew Me, Yet He loved Me".

Weekender Fashions with Linda Coneybeare will be next month's feature on October 3rd at the West Guilford Recreation Centre. Looking Fall-Ward is the theme, and Augusta Winder from Uxbridge will be the speaker.

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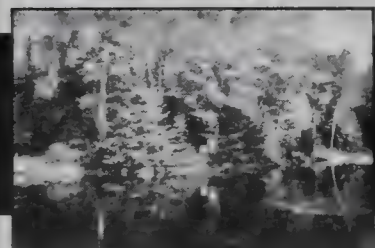


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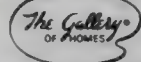
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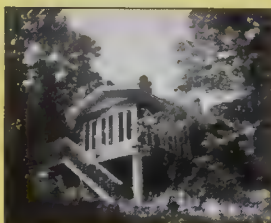


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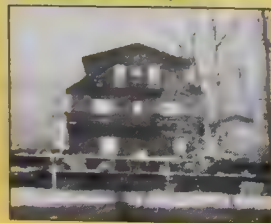
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(l-r) Haliburton County Radio Association (HCRA) President Jack Hewitt accepts a \$2,500 cheque on behalf of the CANOE FM initiative from the Haliburton County Development Corporation's General Manager Andy Campbell with HCRA volunteer, Dave Sovereign looking on. This cheque was the second of two from the HCDC to purchase antennae. It brings the total to \$50,000, half of the \$100,000 sum needed to get the county radio station fully operational. Pending a CRTC hearing in Kitchener on Oct. 28, the CANOE FM management projects the 2,000 watt station should begin broadcasting by spring 2003.

Church service starts Legion Week in Wilberforce

by MEL SMITH

Legion Week has started and what better way than in a house of our lord, Wilberforce United Church. The Colour Parade marched in with dignity and were welcomed to a lovely service which included lessons on compassion, not finding fault with others and forgiveness. Three values that are sometimes forgotten but really needed at all times.

We wish the following young ladies a lot of fun as they head off for the Ladies Auxiliary Convention to be held in London, Ontario September 21 - September 25. Five whole days!! Have a great time, you all deserve it! Betty, Minnie, Marg, Jean, Marion, Vicki, Cynthia, Betty and Gail!

Our prayers for a speedy recovery go out to Wilf LePae who remains in the Peterborough Hospital and to Bob Stevenson who is ill at home. Get well soon!

Many Great Up-Coming Events:

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October 5: 9:00 P.M. Karaoke

October 11: Pot Luck Supper

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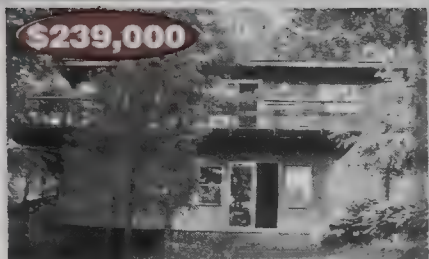
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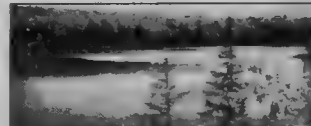
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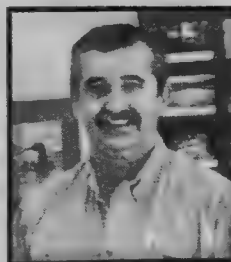
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Membership up at Soyer's Lake

ALLISON TAYLOR

Staff Reporter

From Poverty Bay to the Narrows, the water continues to move at Soyer's Lake.

Ratepayers on the lake gathered at the annual general meeting of the Soyer's Lake Association recently to discuss the happenings in and around the lake.

"This has been the greatest summer in my memory," said president David Pengelly.

Treasurer Lew McCorriston presented the official map and directory of the lake, including a complete mailing list directory of all ratepayers on Soyer's Lake.

"I suggest we maintain the numbers, not necessarily as emergency numbers but as a recording system," McCorriston said.

The map is based on municipal assessment, with exception of future severances, and will be used as a guide for locating ratepayers.

Treasurer's Report

As the treasurer, McCorriston also gave a brief update on the lake's financial situation. With 161 fully-paid members, the association has grown from the 143 members in 2001, and has increased considerably from the 126 members in 2000.

"This is a figure we have never come close to before," McCorriston said.

Membership dues have remained consistent at \$30. Largest expenditures include the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) dues and liability insurance.

This insurance for the association's directors has increased considerably as a result of terrorist attacks in the United States, McCorriston said.

"We have to protect ourselves and we can't go without it," he said, after explaining the importance of having the insurance, which costs around \$950, up from \$594 last year.

Ratepayers were also reminded to use environmentally friendly and phosphate-free dishwashing detergent. Several audience members gave testimonials to the success they have had with certain products.

Toasting the roasters

Long-time member of the association Percy McBain discussed the annual corn roast, which he and his wife Jean have been organizing for the past seven years.

Good weather and endless volunteer assistance helped make the roast a great success this year.

The couple will pass the corn roaster onto a new organizer this year, and were given a round of applause for all their hard work.

The annual event raised \$447 toward the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundations. The association agreed to up the ante to \$750.

Water quality and Loon report

Things are looking "pretty good" as far as quality of water is concerned at Soyer's Lake, said Ross Partridge, lake steward.

With a secchi disk reading of 5.6 metres, Partridge is more concerned with growth of weeds and algae than the quality of water.

"What we need to continue to do is ensure our septic systems are healthy - every bit counts," he said. "We also have to remember not to wash our hair in the lake. Weeds cheer when we fertilize them."

Phosphate levels are around eight, with anything less than 10 considered good, he said.

The lake is unenriched with a few nutrients, which is the top of the list, he added.

While keeping an eye on the water quality, Partridge also keeps a close watch over the two pair of loons on Soyer's Lake, one of which lives at the south end of the lake.

One pair arrived on April 16, two days before the ice was completely out of the lake, he said.

That same pair nested from June 16 to 19, but he was doubtful the eggs could hatch.

In the past 13 years, 12 chicks have hatched on the lake, and of that 12 only five reached approximately six weeks of age. The average success rate for loons reproducing is 0.38, Partridge said.

"Our loons aren't very productive," he said, and he asked the audience for suggestions on how to increase the average success rate.

Cottage Watch

With four reported break-ins on the lake this past year, Partridge reminded all ratepayers to keep their eyes and ears open.

"Make sure you make a report to the police," he said, after being told there might have been a few more break-ins that he didn't know about. "We want to make sure our records are up to date."

Members also discussed a few missing Cottage Watch signs. Partridge will look into replacing them.

What others had to say

There were several presentations at the meeting including an update on happenings at Minden Hills Council from Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney and Councillor Peter Oyler. The pair covered a wide variety of issues that have transpired since the last meeting such as: the new Chief Administrative Office in the township, Gerry Morrison; the new format for council meetings from one council meeting and one committee-of-the-whole meeting, to two full council meetings a month; updates on local businesses; the enactment of the clean and clear bylaw, to regulate the maintenance of properties in the township; and other issues including road repair and the life span of municipal landfills.

Next in the hot seat was Dave Johnson from the 911 committee, discussing the process of re-naming roads in the township. He told the group that it the committee plans to have the entire 911 system go live on July 4, 2004.

Carnarvon resident Gord Smith was a last-minute addition to the agenda. He and several of his neighbours have banded together to protest the establishment of a proposal to build an asphalt plant on Highway 118, just two kilometres east of Highway 35. Royel Paving submitted a letter to the township of Algonquin Highlands, requesting more information on applying for a building permit on an estimated 100 acres of property they own at the gravel pit. They have not yet applied for a building permit, but since the area has been zoned M1 for industrial use, it is within the legal rights of Royel to build an asphalt plant.

Smith, who said he is a self-defined tree hugger, said his main concerns are diminished quality of health and life, if Algonquin Highlands permitted the development of an asphalt plant.

He and a few of his neighbours circulated a petition to stop the development of an industrial plant, saying that residents on Soyer's Lake would be affected by potential odours associated with an asphalt plant.

"The prevailing winds will blow right to Soyer's Lake," he said. "You might be suffering repercussions."

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- **Scottish Country Dancers** meet at J.D. Hodgson School, Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Beginners and singles welcome. Phone 286-1218 or 447-2509 for more information.
- **Sept. 17: The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For more info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Sept. 17: Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists.** Please join us for a presentation by Al MacPherson "Ecotourism in Belize, Northern Ireland & Latvia". A discussion of issues and potential with slides of natural & cultural features of each country. Tues., Sept. 17, at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30.
- **Sept. 17 - 21: Haliburton Legion Br. 129 - Legion week** at the Branch is Sept. 17 until Sept. 21. There will be an open house at the Legion during this time (12:00 noon until closing each day). Our Mount Batten Room is smoke free and full of interesting war history items. The game room offers darts, pool and shuffleboard.
- **Sept. 18 & 25: Haliburton Legion Br. 129** - Wednesday, September 18 we will be at V&S and Friday September 20 at IGA. Please join us during Legion week.
- **Sept. 18: The Red Hats of Haliburton County** are meeting at Mingles for lunch and planning of a Jubilee Tea. For further information call 457-9595. A Friend for laughter, The colour purple for eccentricity and a Red Hat for attitude.
- **Sept. 19 & 26: Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizen Club weekly luncheon** You are invited to join at the Haliburton Legion, 12 noon, for a time of good food, fun and fellowship. All seniors of the community are welcome.
- **Sept. 20: Haliburton Christian Outreach** presents: John Edwards Evangelist from Wales, Friday, Sept. 20 at 7:00 p.m. Before John's conversion to the Christian faith in 1963, he was a Rock'n Roll pianist. In 1965 he attended Bible School and the following year he and his wife pastored their first church. Since then, they have ministered in the United Kingdom, Portugal, England, U.S. and Canada. Come and Be Blessed! A free will offering will be taken. We're located across from the town docks.
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- **Sept. 22: Haliburton Legion Br. 129** - Join us at the Legion for a \$4.00 Brunch on Sunday 10:00 - 1:30 on Sept. 22nd.
- **Sept. 22: Light House Ministry** in song with Roger and Shirley Pavy, Sun., Sept. 22, 11:00 a.m. Full Gospel Light House, Haliburton; 7:00 p.m. Wilberforce Full Gospel, Wilberforce.
- **Sept. 22: Poultry - Rabbits - Pigeons - You Name It!** Sunday, Sept. 22, Fenelon Fair Grounds, Fenelon Falls, Ont. Indoors if inclement weather. Gates open 7:00 a.m. For further details call Jim Ross (705) 887-9629, Fenelon Falls Feather 'N' Fur Club.
- **Sept. 22: The Heart & Stroke Foundation** invites all mothers and daughters (and those that love them) to participate in the Cheerios Mother Daughter Walk at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 22. Registration and pledge forms are now available in many area stores and businesses, or by calling 324-4772. Volunteers are also needed - from making phone calls this summer to handing out incentive prizes on the day of the event. Call 324-4772

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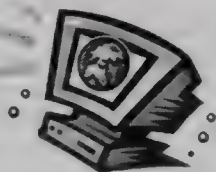
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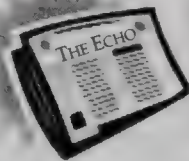
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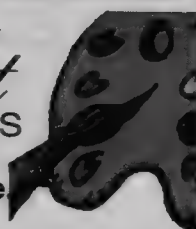
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invite you to join them in
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and Tower Trail on
Saturday, September 28
Pre-registration is required.
For further information please call
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before Sept. 25th.
There is a \$10. use of park vehicle
fee.

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES FOUNDATION

Presents
"Fifties Fall Fantasy"
on **Saturday, October 5th**
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A Gala Evening of Dining, Dancing,
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Wed. Sept. 25th at 1:30 p.m. No
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350 WEDDINGS/ ANNIVERSARIES

JACK AND JILL CELEBRATION
Friends and family
are invited to celebrate the
forthcoming marriage of
TONY BILLINGS
&
SHANNON HALLAHAN
on
Saturday, September 28, 2002
at the Gooderham Community
Centre at 9:00 p.m.
Tickets \$5.00 per person.
Available in advance or at the door.
For more information call
Rick or Tracy 447-2237

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE ARTHUR KERR, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of **GEORGE
ARTHUR KERR**, late of the township
of Dysart, formerly of the Township of
Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton,
who died on the 4th day of Janu-
ary, 2002, are required to file the par-
ticulars of such claims with the under-
signed solicitors for the said Estate on
or before the 30th day of September,
2002.

AND take notice that after the last day
named, the assets of the said Estate,
will be distributed among the persons
hereto entitled having regard only to
the claims of which the Executor for
the Estate, being Fraser A. Rogers,
shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
21st day of August, 2002 by **BISHOP
AND ROGERS**, Barristers and Solici-
tors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, On-
tario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Ex-
ecutor of the Estate of George Arthur
Kerr.

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sented, attended or helped out at our
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Maddowell. The last two "encore pre-
sentations" held in August were very
well attended and we look forward to
working on interesting topics for next
season. If you have any ideas for her-
itage-related topics that are relevant
to Stanhope, please let us know.

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The family of the late **June Wilson**
would like to extend their thanks for
the kind deeds, cards and expressions
of sympathy during her illness and
passing. Special thanks to the doc-
tors, nurses and staff of Haliburton
and Peterborough Health Care Cen-
tres for their excellent care, Access
Centres, the Ambulance Attendants
and the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home.
Judy Thibadeau.

The family of the late **Russell
Woodcock** would like to thank Dr.
Heyes, Dr. Gammon, Dr. Stephen-
son, the Ambulance Attendants, and
Medical Staff of the Haliburton Hos-
pital who cared for Russell during his
illness. Also, a thank you to the Ladies
Auxiliary of St. George's Anglican
Church for their delicious lunch, Bill
Gliddon and Choir, Reverent Christo-
pher Greaves, and the Haliburton
Community Funeral Home for their
help and support. Many thanks to
friends and relatives who gave dona-
tions, sent flowers, food, cards, and
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fulness and kindness will always be
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460 OBITUARIES

AT REST HARRIET K. LOUCKS Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, September 14, 2002. In her 92nd year.

Beloved wife of the late Morgan Roy
Loucks (1998). Dear mother of the
late Allie Johnston, and Roy Loucks
and mother-in-law of Margaret
Loucks. Loving grandmother of
Wendy and David Whalen, Eric and
Elaine Johnston, Garry Loucks, Brad
and Kathy Loucks, Greg and Linda
Loucks, Kim and Bryan Walsh, pre-
deceased by Raymond Loucks, and
great grandmother of Kim and Paul
Whalen, Devin, Jessica, Sean and
Erin Loucks. Dear sister of Audrey El-
stone, fondly remembered by many
nieces and nephews. Friends were
invited to visit the family at the Gor-
don A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127
Main St., Minden (1-888) 588-5777
on Monday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Fu-
neral Service in the Chapel on Tues-
day, September 17, 2002 at 11:00
a.m. Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer
Cemetery, Ingoldsby. Reception to
follow at Ingoldsby United Church
downstairs. Memorial donation to the
Minden Hospital Building Fund would
be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST JACK DANIELS Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Wed., September 10, 2002 At the age of 86.

Beloved husband of Edith Daniels
(nee Tallman) of Wilberforce, loving
father of Robert and his wife Diana of
Oshawa and grandfather of Ian. Dear
brother of Isobel Tate, Margaret Smith,
predeceased by brothers Cliff Daniels
and Jim Daniels and brother-in-law of
Keith Tallman, Ernie Tallman and
Jean Wood. Cremation has taken
place. A Private Graveside Interment
will be held at the South Wilberforce
Cemetery. Memorial donations to the
St. Margaret's Anglican Church or to
the Haliburton Highlands Health Ser-
vices Foundation (HHHSF) or to the
Charity of your choice would be ap-
preciated by the family and can be
arranged through the Gordon A. Monk
Funeral Home, 127 Main St., P.O.
Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0
(1-888-588-5777).

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MARK SCHELL SR. (Resident of
Haliburton, Ontario) - At Haliburton
Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, Sep-
tember 10, 2002 in his 77th year. Be-
loved husband of Edna Roberts. Lov-
ing father of Robin Curry of Brace-
bridge, Mark of Haliburton and Rachel
(Mrs. Peter Fearrey) of Haliburton.
Fondly remembered by his grandchil-
dren Kendra, Kimberly, Stacey, Mat-
thew, Jeffrey, Kevin, Kaily, Angela,
Erin, Erica, Ashley and his great
grandson Kyle and great granddaugh-
ter Kiana. Dear brother of Eileen, Den-
ise, Verlie, Grenville, Leslie, William
and Richard. Predeceased by his sis-
ter Anne. The family received friends
at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY
FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Hali-
burton (705) 457-9209 on Thursday
afternoon, September 12, 2002 from
2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Services
were in the Chapel on Friday morn-
ing, September 13, 2002 at 11 o'clock.
Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Hali-
burton. As expressions of sympathy
donations to the Haliburton Highlands
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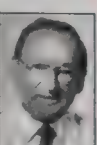
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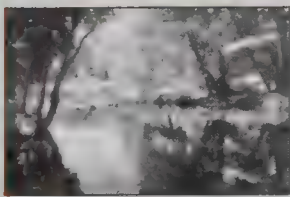
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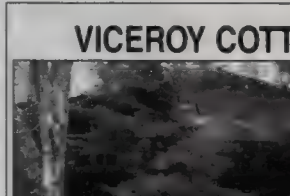
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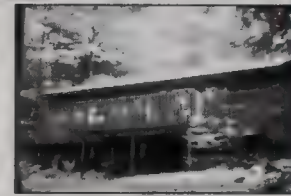
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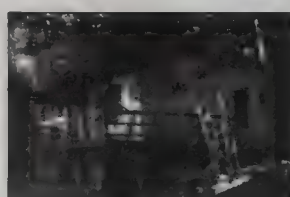
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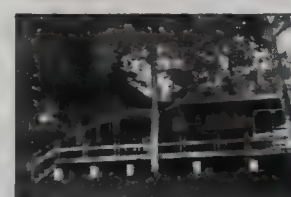
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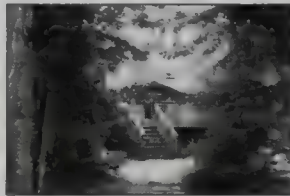
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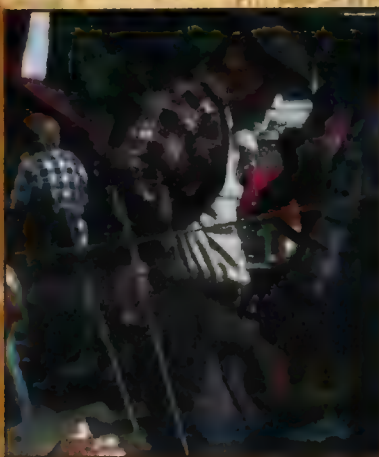
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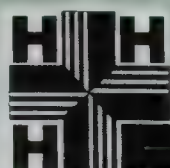
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For the Long Term

...Retirement Communities in Haliburton County

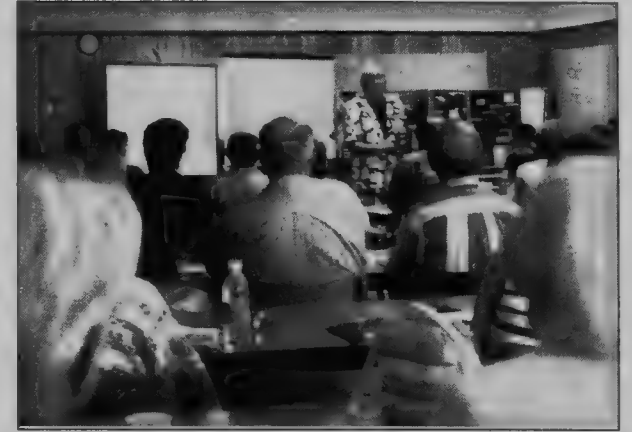
Haliburton County, according to the 2000 Research Survey, can expect an influx of between 5,000 and 6,000 people before the year 2010. Many of these newcomers will be hoping to make Haliburton their retirement home. While immigration numbers of this sort paint a rosy picture for short term development, the construction and renovation industries, the tax base, and the economy in general, the bigger question is, "Can they stay?" The answer to this question, will, in large part, depend on the county's ability to provide housing opportunities which meet the needs of this aging population.

What are these needs? More and more, seniors want their retirement move to be their last one. They are looking for the kind of community which can provide an escalating level of health and housing services, which, barring extreme situations, will allow them to remain within the community as their own needs escalate. At the same time, they are looking for an investment which represents good value, and which can be redeemed at any time.

In response to these types of demands, the idea of Retirement Lifestyle Communities has increased in popularity over the last two decades or so. Although the concept is very flexible, the core requirements are that some degree of maintenance, housekeeping, meal and medical services (from none to a high level) be available within a well-defined and relatively small, easily accessible "community." Generally, individuals purchase the right to occupy their living space, and pay monthly maintenance and other service fees. These communities are often developed by non-profit groups, under a "life lease housing arrangement." (See sidebar)

A growing recognition of the need for such housing opportunities in Haliburton County,

prompted Andy Campbell, of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, to organize a day-long workshop, held earlier this summer, which brought interested parties within the county together, allowed them to take advantage of the expertise of Victor Heinrichs, Robert Kitcher, and Deirdre Gibson, of Enhanced Community Solutions, a group specializing in these sorts of projects, and to gauge overall level of interest within the community. Judging by the attendance numbers (76 in all) interest is high.



Deirdre Gibson, of Enhanced Community Solutions, addresses an attentive crowd at the HCDC Retirement Community Workshop.

The following is a summary of some of the key points which arose from the presentation by Victor Heinrichs, and his associates, and the discussions which followed.

1. A retirement lifestyle community project is generally taken on by one of three types of groups:
 - a) Sponsoring group such as a church, ethnic group etc.
 - b) A developer
 - c) A community-based group comprised simply of individuals whose common interest is to create the housing opportunity

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2. Without access to municipal services such as water and sewer, the size of the development will be limited. On-site treatment plants can handle up to about 20 units. While almost any sized project is possible, including those with only six or seven units, members of smaller groups will have to take on more (if not all) of the management responsibilities themselves, and be situated very close to support services. A project of roughly 50 units can support one full-time management staff. Visiting Professional Days, in which a local doctor, audiologist, nutritionist, etc., provides service on a pre-scheduled day of the month, can help overcome the problems that small groups face.

3. For the purposes of rough calculation, on average, at the present time, the smallest unit (say 500 sq. ft.) available in this type of development would cost \$110,000 to \$115,000. Monthly fees are roughly estimated (assuming you own your unit) at 25 to 30 cents/sq. ft. not including utilities, for which you should add \$1.00/sq. ft./yr. Taxes will run about 1.25% of the value of the unit/yr. Medical, housekeeping, and other services are extra.

4. It will require an annual retirement income of \$25,000 to \$30,000/yr. for you to be able to consider such a living arrangement. A senior citizen, unassisted, with only the guaranteed government income, can not afford it. While this may not pose a problem for more affluent newcomers, elderly residents whose working life was spent within the county, during far less well-to-do times, may be essentially excluded from these developments. If a non-profit group, however, should make it their objective to solve problems of accessibility, there may be innov-

ative, individual ways of doing it – sharing a larger unit, for example.

5. At present organizers can expect little help from the government in terms of funding for "bricks and mortar," according to Deirdre Gibson. Recent housing announcements, she said, have touched on special needs, and the homeless, but seniors were never mentioned. At the moment it's up to the individual communities to get together and organize. It is not unusual, however, for land to be donated to the project by non-profit groups or the municipal government, which significantly reduces capital costs.

6. There are provisions within Bill 65 which allow local governments to waive taxes, or donate land to a project, but this effectively shifts the costs of supporting housing initiatives to the municipality. As one member of the audience pointed out, requests for municipal handouts from a group wishing to create what could be seen as a relatively exclusive retirement community for affluent newcomers, could generate significant resentment within what has been traditionally, an economically challenged area.



From left: Andy Campbell, HCDC; Robert Kitcher, Victor Heinrichs and Deirdre Gibson

What is a Life Lease?

Although it's relatively new in Ontario, the idea of "life leasing" or the purchase of the "right to occupy" has been used in the development of many housing projects across Canada, the States and Britain.

For a specified purchase price, one gains the right to occupy a unit in the housing development, and to use the common facilities. This right can be sold or transferred, like property itself, and will appreciate as the value of the complex does, so it can be

viewed as an investment, rather than an expense. There is no termination date associated with your right to occupy; when an owner dies, the right passes to the estate, and can be utilized by a surviving spouse, for example, or sold. Residents usually pay a Monthly Occupancy Fee which covers maintenance, management and services costs, which will vary with each community. There may be optional services which are paid for separately. Generally utilities, property taxes and contents insurance are paid individually.

Retirement Community Possibilities in Haliburton County



Highland Gate Community in Minden

Location: Highland Gate Road off Deep Bay Road, by the hospital
Developers: Marjorie and Roy Windover

The Plan: Residences varying from detached, semi-detached, town and cluster homes, to supportive housing
Stage of Development: in the approval process

Minden Rental Project

Developer: Verne Brinsmead of Moores Falls

The Plan: 10 single room retirement units with ensuite washroom, common rooms, etc, followed, eventually, by 16 very small rental units with kitchenette in apartment building; some meals and housekeeping
Stage of Development: looking for interested partners

Dorset School in Algonquin Highlands

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison indicated that the municipality had retained the recently closed Dorset school property for one year with the option to renew, and that the Special Projects Committee would be looking at the feasibility of developing retirement housing on the site.

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Some Helpful Hints on Attending an Auction

By Kerry Riley, in consultation with
Oscar White, Auctioneer

We're all familiar with the scene: some unsuspecting auction-attending-greenhorn, absent-mindedly swatting at mosquitoes with her bid card, suddenly hears those fateful words, "Sold! To the lady in the green hat!" and looks up to learn, much to her surprise, that she is now the proud owner of Bud and Blue, a 2,500-pound-a-piece team of oxen. Terms cash, no returns; to be removed from the premises by 6:00 pm sharp. For the first time since she acquired it (as an homage to Annie Hall, and Woody Allen's oeuvre in general) her sky blue Volkswagen bug seems entirely inadequate. Such stories are legion, but according to Cardiff area auctioneer Oscar White, mostly apocryphal. The steely-eyed and implacable auctioneer is a thing of the past, if he ever existed at all. "The only person that something like that is going to happen to," he says, "is someone who is too proud to admit that they made a mistake."

With an interest in the business which extends back to childhood, Oscar has been an auctioneer in his own right, and a familiar figure at auctions around Haliburton County, for the past 16 years. He currently works between 25 and 30 sales, locally, per year.

"We want people to be comfortable, to enjoy themselves," he explains. The fear of making a mistake should never keep you from trying your hand at bidding. "If your winning bid was a mistake, it's nothing to worry about. Just let the auctioneer or the recording staff

know as soon as possible. Things will be sorted out, no harm done. "In fact," he offers, "if you're inexperienced, or feeling uncertain, and you want to bid on a particular item, come and tell me before the sale starts, and I'll keep an eye out for you."

With those friendly assurances in mind, here are a few tips and helpful bits of information to help you through your first auction.

"Let your eyes be your judge and your pocketbook your guide." Oscar White

1. Watch your local paper for upcoming auctions, generally listed in the Classifieds.
2. Arrive before the stated start time if you want time to examine the merchandise. Remember, if your interest is antiques or collectibles, and you're buying with the idea that your purchase will appreciate in value; the single most important criteria is that it be in good shape. "If it's not in good shape in the first place," Oscar says, "it's not worth anything." Items are sold "as is" and it's too late, in the heat of the bidding, to be checking for rim chips in that old tea cup. If you're buying something just because you like it, then, of course, it's entirely up to you whether it's imperfections are fatal, or endearing.
3. When you arrive, you will need to register if you want to bid. If it's not immediately obvious where the registration area is, ask — someone will know. In exchange for your name, address, phone number, you'll be issued an bidding number — generally on a card which you can hold up for the auctioneer



to see. Check about terms of payment when you register. According to Oscar, acceptance of VISA, and Interac payments, are pretty standard at most sales these days, but you may occasionally run into a "Cash Only" situation. Special circumstances, such as a sale at a remote location with inadequate phone lines, or sometimes, no hydro, may dictate what sorts of payment can be accepted.

4. Come prepared for sun and a long wait. Food and refreshments are often available on-site, but not always. Auction veterans came prepared with hats, sun block, water, snacks, and even lawn chairs. It may take some time for the action to wend its way around to the item you're interested in.

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Most auctioneers have a system that they follow. Oscar generally starts with an hour or so of "the lower end stuff," (miscellaneous dishes, odds and ends) and then "another hour of the better stuff." "We always auction the sale highlights at 1:00 pm," allowing those who are only interested in these items, to plan their day. You can ask for a rough idea of when a particular item might come to the block.

5. When bidding on an item, position yourself in clear view of the auctioneer. Dispense with secret hand signals, or ear tugs – the auctioneer will appreciate a clear indication of a bid from you. Raising your bidding card (number forward and right-side-up!) is appropriately definite. Eye-contact and some sort of acknowledgment from the auctioneer will indicate you are in the bidding. If you haven't been noticed, a courteous "YOH" or "HERE" from you will not be taken amiss. Once the auctioneer has identified you as a player, as each new bid is made, you will be invited to better it. Things can get fast and furious. Don't be embarrassed about asking for clarification of where the bidding stands, or what the heck is going on. Decide, before you start to bid, the maximum you are willing to pay – a simple shake of the head will get you out of the bidding. You can rejoin it at any time, but don't expect the auctioneer to read your mind – he'll need another clear (and sometimes quick) indication from you that you're back in. If yours is the winning bid, the recording staff will make note of your bid number, the item, and the amount of the bid. When you leave, present your bid card to the registration desk, who will, in the meantime, have received this information, and pay for your items there.

Dealers vs. the Casual Customer

There is a feeling amongst some auction-goers that the presence of dealers (generally buyers for antique or collectibles shops) ruins a sale for the average bidder, the thinking being that dealers will recognize anything of worth, bid prices up accordingly, and thus reduce the chances of the average guy bagging a prize for a pittance, the chance of which, is, admittedly, part of the excitement and mystique of auction attendance. Oscar disagrees. "Some auctioneers don't like to see dealers at a sale, but not me. They just keep prices honest. A dealer has to make money; they have mark-ups and percentages to accommodate. So, if you outbid a dealer [by less than his mark-up]

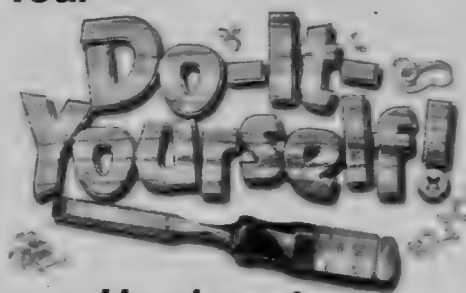


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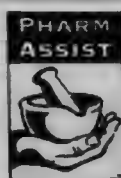
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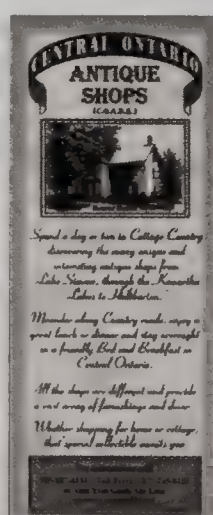
Perhaps the lonely honks of Canada Geese overhead awaken within us a faint echo of school-day migratory patterns long past, perhaps it's just the effects of a particular slant of late afternoon sunbeams, but whatever the reason, there's no denying that the tug of the open road is especially strong in the fall. Combine this with the mildly melancholic sense of nostalgia which hangs in the atmosphere, and the eons-old instinct to gather and store as light levels wane, and it's no wonder that antique/collectible-hunting excursions are such a popular autumn pastime. If you've ever thought you might like to collect antiques or anything else, this season is the perfect excuse to start, and a tour through the county to survey what's available, probably the perfect way to do it.

Antique? Collectible? What's what.

Antiques are, quite generally, old things, most commonly old furniture, household items, or farm implements. How old? Most anyone who is serious about it will draw a somewhat fuzzy line at 100 years. Collectibles, on the other hand, are anything you can make a collection of. Obviously, at some points, the two overlap, giving you antique collectibles. Collectibles tend to include smaller items (thimbles, greeting cards and other paper items, fountain pens) and age is not a defining criteria, although the collection may be defined by an era (i.e. 50's memorabilia).

Within Haliburton County there are two major sources of antiques and collectibles – auctions (for more info see Sold! To the Lady in the Green Hat!) and antique/collectible dealers. A rough and ready survey

revealed at least a half dozen dealers and shops within the county, with the number increasing again if you wish to travel as far afield as Fenelon Falls, or Huntsville. The



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What to Collect?
Special things will always hold their value. Paulette Blake

Both Paulette Blake of Haliburton and Ron Gamble of Minden, both dealers with years of experience between them, agree

that you can collect anything you want. The most important defining criteria are interest, size and cost. "There's a collection for every budget and living space," says Paulette, but they need to be matched. If you've got 500 sq. ft. of living space, then perhaps pickle barrels or ox yokes are not appropriate. Button hooks might be though, or tea-spoons, or hat pins. Find something you're interested in, they both agree, and then buy the best you can afford. Oscar White, of White's Auction Services, who also deals in antiques and collectibles, seconds the opinion that it's important to buy the best you can afford.

Let your local dealers know what it is that intrigues you, and leave a phone number – they'll be happy to keep an eye open for items which might interest you.

Real antiques, says Paulette, are becoming rarer and rarer, because everyone wants them. If you choose to collect, say, pre-Confederation clocks, they may be quite hard to find. But then again, that's what makes the hunt a challenge, and a find so much fun. Availability and affordability are also affected by market trends – Martha Stewart made Jadeite very trendy, and now it's hard to find, she explains. Similarly, old radios were very popular, and hence hard to find, and the wildly popular cranberry glass is now very expensive.

What's Hot

When asked to identify present trends and areas of rising interest, all our antique/collectible enthusiasts agreed that the demand for old toys, and memorabilia from old and preferably defunct gas companies (for example, Supertest, a Canadian company which had it's head office in London) is growing. Five-gallon oil cans, advertisements, oil bottles, globes from gas tanks and road maps are all sought after. Really, old advertising of any kind (eg. Coke ads, signs, old Bell Canada ads) is of interest says Ron Gamble. Depression glass is still popular, he adds, and some collector tea cups such as Susy Cooper (late 1800's, early 1900's) and Coal Port move well.

What's In a Chip?

Cracks or chips in china do significantly reduce its value. Check cup and saucer rims, jug and teapot spouts, etc. carefully for defects, – it's often easier to feel them with the pad of your finger than to see them. "Unless you're just buying it because you like it, china has to be in mint condition," says Ron Gamble, "no chips or cracks.

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everyone wants them

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It's always better to pick up one really good item, than ten pieces of junk." Paulette Blake agrees, but adds that some allowances can be made if an item is very old. It's a trade-off with age. For example, in very old crocks, chips are accepted.

Antique Furniture: To Refinish or Not

"Twenty or thirty years ago," says Ron Gamble, "we used to refinish everything, but now, with the popularity of *The Traveling Road Show* [a TV show featuring antique appraisals] and all the stories of people being told their \$10,000 piece of antique furniture would have been worth ten times that if they hadn't refinished it, everyone is wary." He recommends you live with it for awhile before deciding to clean or refinish. Oscar White offers similar advice to his clients. If you've bought it to use and enjoy, and it's painted pink — go ahead a refinish if you like, but if you're collecting as an investment, it's probably best to leave things alone if possible. Whatever your decision, Oscar warns, never remove paint from antique furniture by dipping. While most finish/paint removers have the potential to damage old wood, the dip tank procedure can

destroy it — things may look fine initially, but large fissures and cracks will appear in the wood as it dries.

Where to Learn More

If you're just starting, find someone who knows more than you and listen and question. By and large, other enthusiasts are generous and willing to share their knowledge. Ron Gamble

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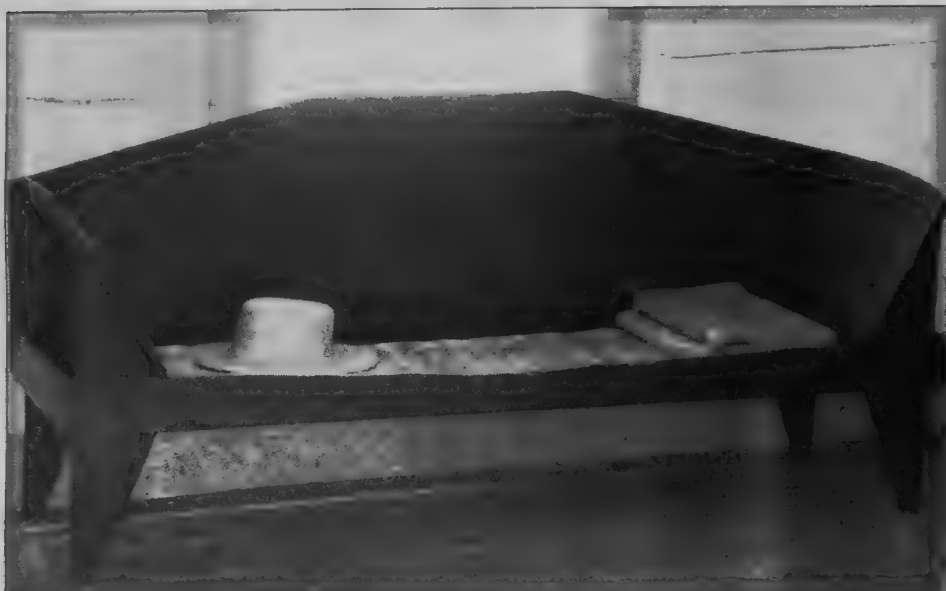
A Style of Our Own?

There are many factors mitigating against the existence of an antique style that is recognizably "Haliburton County." First of all, it's a relatively young place, compared to, say, Quebec City, or the Toronto or Niagara area. There has been little time for a regional manufacturing base with its own influences and traditions to develop. As well, many of the original settlers were attracted by the free land grants, and did not generally arrive encumbered with impressive estates.

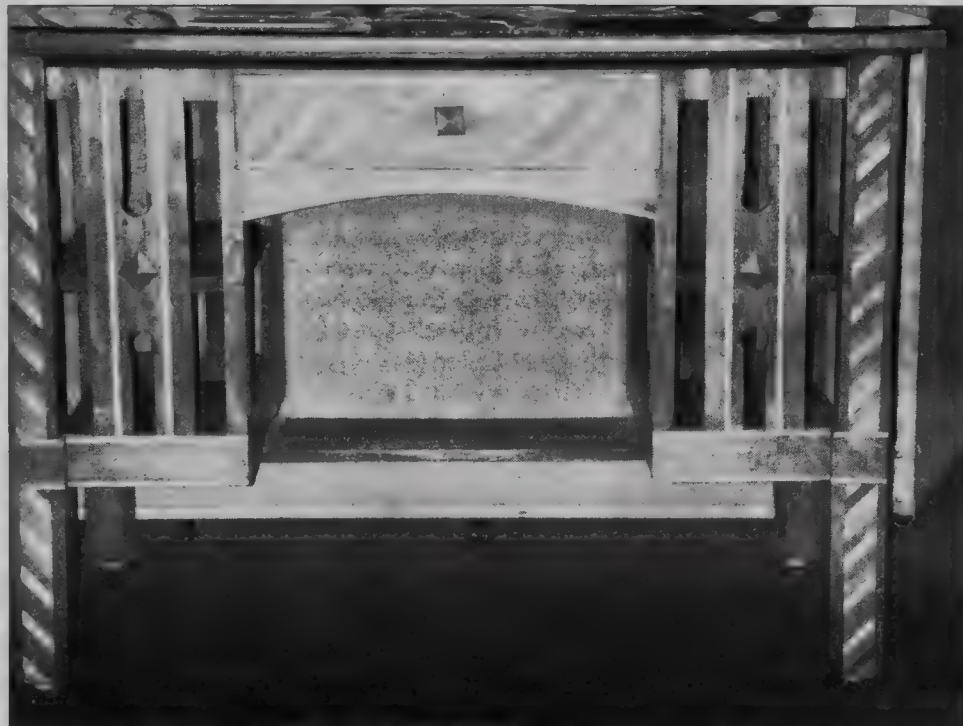
By and large, Haliburton pioneers made their own furniture, the result being that a genuine antique piece from Haliburton County will

belong to the category known as "20th Century Primitive," or more casually, "early Canadiana." Rough hewn and practical, with little ornamentation, it is more characteristic of frontier life in general, than any particular region. The settee pictured below, is a striking example of this style. Currently housed in the log cabin exhibit at the Haliburton Museum, it came, originally, from the Harrison farm on 12-Mile Lake and dates to the 1880's.

Our thanks to Haliburton Museum Director Tom Ballantyne, Oscar White and Ron Gamble for their help in preparing this article.



20th Century Primitive: The Harrison Settee from the Harrison farm, 12-Mile Lake c.1880



Sipe Cabinet. Haliburton County had at least one cabinetmaker, a Ferdinand Sipe, who completed this remarkable parquetry cabinet, fashioned from local ash, maple and cherry woods, as well as mahogany and walnut gleaned from old furniture, sometime in 1941. From the collection of the Haliburton Museum.

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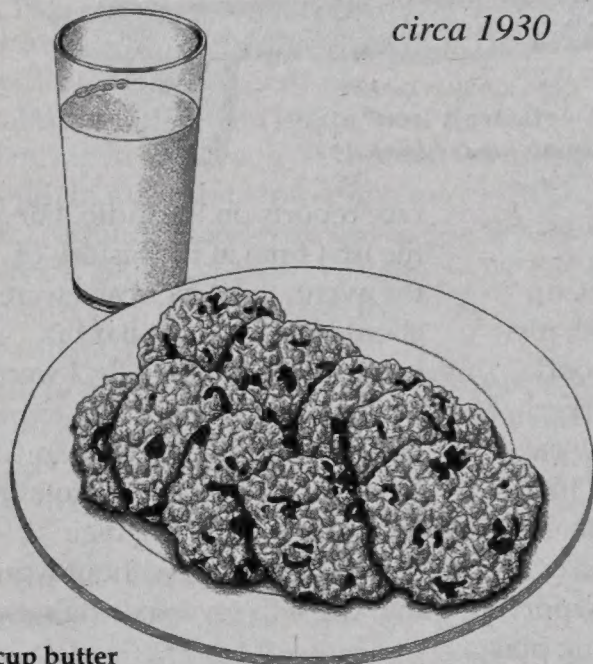
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- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1 half tsp. salt

Cream butter and sugar together. Mix in boiling water to which 1 tsp baking soda has been added. Thoroughly mix in flour, salt and oats. Chill so that batter can be handled easily. Form into one inch balls. Flatten with a floured fork to one-eighth-inch thickness. Bake on greased cookie sheet at 350°F.

- Date Filling**
- 1 cup chopped dates
 - 1 half cup water
 - 1 tsp. brown sugar

Cook dates until soft. Mash with fork. Spread about 1 tsp between two oatmeal cookies.

This wonderful recipe comes from the Reid family, whose pioneer home graces the grounds at the Haliburton Museum. Our thanks to museum director Tom Ballantyne.

Editor's Note: These are good! You can, if you want, just make drop cookies from the cookie batter. Quick-cook rolled oats work well. Half butter can be substituted with margarine.

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Farewell Tour

Over-the-Hill

by: Stan Beard

Actually, the tour was Philip's idea. It was in response to a somewhat painful recollection of an ill-considered (the word "imbecilic" comes to mind) career move in the spring of a year of the Cold War, 1959. With spousal consent, I elected to spend 12 celibate months at a U.S. Air Force radar station on Cape Makkovik, 200 miles as the chopper chops, from Goose Bay, Labrador... "the land God gave to Cain."

"We could drive to Goose," he said. "They've built a road." What was he thinking? Had thirty years dimmed the memory of two other flawed expeditions with his father?

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Chrysler New Yorker
"Detroit Iron"
Newport, Rhode Island 1970

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND, 1970

The 132nd America's Cup challenge coincided with my purchase of a large, second hand Chrysler New Yorker, snortingly referred to by car buffs as a "Detroit Iron." With periodic stops to cool the beast's unfortunate tendency to over-heat, we made it to Newport and boarded our viewing platform, an ancient Block Island ferry, and joined the motley fleet, seven miles at sea, to watch Intrepid and the Aussie challenger Gretsel 2 drift off into a fog bank. We did not see them again. It began to rain. The saloon bar was awash, literally, with hard drinking Yankee boat nuts. We received intermittent

race reports on the radio. For the first time in the history of the event, the Americans were about to lose a race. Bar biz increased exponentially. I went out on deck to check the lifeboats. On the bridge I spied four men peering into a rotating radar and scratching their heads. Suddenly, without warning, the ship reversed engines.

Out of the fog, in attack mode, steamed another vessel, missing us by a boat length. Checking out the instructions on the life belts, I warned Phil to prepare for the worst. He was not impressed. Several hours later, we limped back to port following the flashing lights of a Coast Guard cutter.

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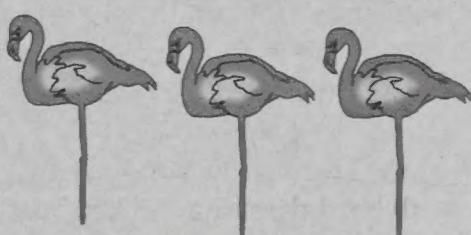
After a three-year hiatus, we moved up to a used Cadillac.

The offer of a workmate's trailer in Venice, Florida, was not to be denied. With visions of palms, hot sand and bikini's dancing in our heads, we headed south in this great tank of a vehicle. Around 3 a.m., with us already blinded by spray from huge trucks driven by faceless madmen, the fuel pump failed and filled the engine and cabin with lethal fumes. An errant spark, and we would have been the first Caddy in orbit.

The hand of Providence delivered us off the road into the stygian gloom of the Michigan boons. Nothing could have been more stygian than the steaming effluent ponds of the Monroe sewage treatment plant. The kindly attendant phoned for a tow. Pulling a shining dip-stick, the driver pronounced "She'll not likely ever run again." He was wrong. This was Cadillac country. The next day, with somewhat lighter purses, we were on our way...to the Florida border where once again, we lost all our fuel. This time it was a fan belt sawing through a fuel

line. A good Samaritan farmer retrieved a replacement from a wreck in the back forty. Finally, following a visit to a mechanical proctologist for a rear seal, we arrived in Venice, God's Waiting Room, where the nearest thing to a wild bikini was granny doing wheelies in a motorized bath chair. The weather, however, was splendid, and Phil's latent culinary talents saved the day.

Our return was relatively uneventful...a rad hose failure and an unlikely blizzard in the Kentucky hills. While I prepared peanut butter sandwiches in the back seat, we followed a local road crew consisting of a bod pitching sand off the tailgate of a pickup. Back home to sub-zero temperatures, another Samaritan opened his garage to drain the Florida water out of our rad.



"Caddy"
Florida Trip 1973



GOOSE, 2002

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About noon, we arrived at the huge Manicougan hydro dam known as Manic 5, a tad manic myself at this point. The tour guides were charming. The pitch, entirely in French. Luckily we were accompanied by a retired hydro engineer who was on a nostalgic ride back to Churchill Falls...on a motorbike!

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That evening, the landscape was covered in a smoky haze. Busloads of grimy firefighters and word of large fires ahead forced a reluctant retreat. We e-mailed our good friend and teacher, Joan Andersen in Makkovik village that the trip was off. Undaunted, we ferried the river and circumnavigated the Gaspé coast. At Percé, that rocky icon of Quebec tourism, Bonaventure Island with its 250 thousand sea birds, appeared briefly through a thick fog. Probably left over from the America's Cup race.

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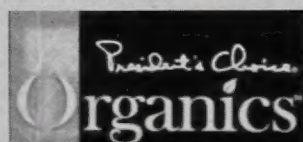
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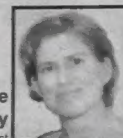
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The Elders of Haliburton County: A Series Murray Walker

Longtime Stanhope resident Murray Walker is pictured here with one of his two horses, a Belgian mare named Pearl. "She's a quiet, gentle animal," he explains. "I like any kind of horse," he says, but admits to a special affection for the Belgian breed. Murray has spent most of his life on the family farm on the Buckslide Road. Horses like Pearl were used on the farm, and in the bush to draw logs for lumber. It was, says Murray, once a good-sized operation, running mostly beef cattle, but a calamitous barn fire, during the Depression, set the family back and the big barn was never replaced. Some things haven't changed though, and Pearl and her partner Paddy, still help Murray draw in his wood.



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